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Jordan must drop "obstacle"—Rabin

By
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WASHINGTON (JTA) Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week that if Jordan ends its demands that "declared members" of the Palestine Liberation Organization be included in peace negotiations Israel would not object to negotiations with Jordan.

Israel wants "direct and bilateral" negotiations with Jordan and "Palestinians that are not declared PLO members," Rabin told the 3,200 delegates to the 54th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations at the Washington Hilton Hotel. "With the PLO we'll not negotiate."

Rabin said that while "some international support" cannot be a substitute for direct negotiations, if it is needed to bring Jordan "or any other Arab country to decide to negotiate for peace (it) should be more than welcome by us."

Rabin made the same point earlier in the day to reporters at the state department after a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz.

He said Premier Shimon Peres had offered to enter into direct negotiations with Jordan, but there were two "obstacles," Jordan's insistence on the participation of PLO members and an international conference.

Rabin said if the "major obstacle" of demanding declared PLO members is removed then the obstacle of the international umbrella is "removeable."

But he stressed that Israel prefers the pattern used in the Egyptian-Israeli talks: The two sides with the participation of the United States.

Rabin said it was up to Jordan now. "The ball is in the Jordanian court."

In his address to the CJF, Rabin said he believes Israel must "take risks for peace. We have taken too many risks at war."

He stressed that "for peace you have to compromise." He said in negotiations some of the demands of the other side must be met as long as they "don't undermine the purpose of Israel, the security of Israel."

However, he said that in negotiations with Jordan the pattern with Egypt will not be followed where every inch of territory acquired in the 1967 Six Day War was returned. But to get peace "without giving anything is an illusion."

On Israel's northern border, Rabin said Israel has withdrawn from Lebanon and is now concerned with safeguarding the borders and protecting the towns and peoples in the north.

He said Israel is able to deal with terrorism but there is no way to completely ensure against acts of terrorism. "It is an illusion to assume that by one good war you can finish all wars, all terrorism," he said. "We have paid too heavily for the belief in such an illusion."

These Israeli demonstrators carry placards showing their displeasure with Prime Minister Shimon Peres' recent moves toward Jordan. Differences between Labor and Likud over what approach to take led to last week's governmental crisis. [Religious News Service photo]

Crisis evaporates

Sharon's apology accepted

By
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A crisis that had threatened to topple Israel's 14-month-old national unity government was averted last week when Prime Minister Shimon Peres accepted an apology from Ariel Sharon for criticisms of his policies.

Sharon, the minister of industry and commerce, described his letter of apology as a list of "clarifications." It was submitted to Peres by Yitzhak Peretz, the minister of interior who played a mediating role in the affair.

With Sharon backing off at the brink, the immediate crisis was defused. But tension remained, reflecting the ideological differences which have dogged the coalition since its formation and since prospects for an Israeli settlement with Jordan improved.

Such was the atmosphere that Vice Premier Yitzhak Navon warned Sharon, whose career as minister of defence was shattered by the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacres, that he would be fired if he repeated his criticisms in public.

"Sharon's (letter) certainly manifests regret and remorse," Navon said. "But if such an incident occurs again, there will be no negotiations, simply a short notice of dismissal."

In resolving the crisis, the worst since Labor and Likud entered into their political marriage of convenience, Peres had to be content with a partial victory.

Peres had demanded a "public, explicit and unambiguous" apology, threatening to bring down the government if Sharon did not recant.

But Sharon did not give him one. Instead, the ex-general "clarified" his position with regard to six remarks Peres had found highly objectionable.

Sharon, who has the reputation as someone who shoots from the hip, denied making one of them, said he had previously apologized for two and claimed a fourth had been misunderstood. On the other two points, Sharon said he accepted Peres' explanations.

As if to underline his defiance, Sharon reportedly said he would try to persuade his fellow cabinet ministers to oppose Peres' willingness to negotiate

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Begin leaves seclusion to visit wife's grave

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Former Premier Menachem Begin visited the grave of his wife Aliza on the third anniversary of her death last week. It was one of his rare ventures from his suburban Jerusalem home where he has lived in virtual seclusion since his resignation in September, 1983.

Dozens of press photographers were present at the Mount of Olives cemetery. They followed Begin, frail looking but firm of step, as he walked slowly among the headstones to his wife's grave. Several cabinet ministers, Knesset members and Irgun veterans joined the ex-Premier. Security guards kept the press at a distance. Begin was plainly unwilling to speak to reporters.

CIC: Don't worry about poll

By
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TORONTO — The results of a poll published recently in The Toronto Star, indicating only 10% of Canadians want the federal government to side with Israel in the Mideast conflict, is nothing to get alarmed about, say officials of the Canada-Israel Committee.

The poll was conducted last July for the external affairs department by the Toronto polling firm Decima Research Ltd. The results, obtained by The Star through the Access to Information Act, show a large majority of those polled— 82%— say Canada should remain neutral in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

While just 10% said Canada should take Israel's side in the Mideast, only 5% said the government should back the moderate Arab states.

Shira Herzog Bessin, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee, told The CJN her organization was not surprised at the poll's results.

She said the survey's results are "very similar" to a CIC poll conducted two years ago that asked almost the same questions.

In that poll, 70% indicated they thought Canada should stay neutral in the Mideast; 20% said Canada should be more supportive of Israel, and 6% said Canada should back Arab states. A total of 63% said they were "somewhat satisfied" with Canada's Mideast policy.

In this latest survey, 63% said it is important or somewhat important for Canada to take an interest in the Mideast. Eighty percent said Canada should be more concerned with Central America.

There have been "no major shifts" in the public's attitude toward Israel, Herzog Bessin noted.

She said Canadians still want to see even-handedness in the Mideast, but that there is still "prevailing, discernible support for Israel."

"The numbers don't dismay or alarm us," said Robert Willmot, the CIC's national director— government relations.

The 10% support for Israel, he pointed out, far exceeds Canada's proportion of Jews— about 1%— and the 2-1 ratio of support for Israel vs. for Arab countries is "about right."

Willmot pointed out that the poll asked people how they thought Canada should act in the Mideast and not what people thought about Israel.

But Member of Parliament Bill Attewell (PC-Don Valley East), chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, an informal association of about 120 MPs and senators, said he found the poll's results

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Unaffiliated Jews called "single greatest threat"

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Shoshana Cardin, president of the Council of Jewish Federations, declared last week that with Jews moving increasingly to new locales in North America, the federations in the United States and Canada must reach out to them to involve them in the local Jewish community in order to foster a "sense of a national community with national commitments.

"The single greatest threat to our Jewish community is disaffiliation and nonaffiliation," she told the opening plenary meeting of the CJF's 54th General Assembly at the Kennedy Centre.

More than 3,000 delegates, representing 200 federations from 800 North American communities, attended the 4-day assembly with the theme, "The coming of age of North American Jewry."

Cardin, of Baltimore, said federations "have to encourage Jews to join and participate in Jewish community centres, synagogues, Jewish communal organizations, Jewish women's and men's groups, youth and young adult organizations, Jewish educational environments, formal and informal."

She stressed this was a major "responsibility to Jewish continuity" since "unaffiliated Jews rarely transmit the value of continuity to those who follow them."

In order to demonstrate an openness to the unaffiliated, Cardin said those in the federation movement must "pay increasing and serious attention to our constituents."

In addition, "we ought not to fear diversity, we ought not fear pluralism," Cardin stressed.

Knesset bars consideration of racist bills

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset voted overwhelmingly last week to bar consideration of racist bills. The vote was on new regulations drafted by the Knesset's house committee aimed specifically at racist measures introduced by Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the extremist Kach Party and its sole member of the Knesset.

Also barred by the committee were bills that would deny Israel's status as a Jewish state.

Labor and Likud joined in supporting the new legislation. The religious parties abstained on grounds that religious legislation might also be affected by the new rules.

The vote ended a legal battle launched by Kahane after Knesset speaker Shlomo Hillel refused to present to the plenum his bills to strip Israeli Arabs of their citizenship and to forbid marriage between Arabs and Jews. Kahane appealed to the Supreme Court, which ruled that the Knesset presidium — Hillel and his aides — must allow the formal filing of the bills on grounds that the only way to cope with Kahane's anti-democratic thrusts was by the democratic process of Knesset debate.

Hillel delayed compliance, indicating he would sooner resign than bring what he called "Nuremberg law" measures before Israel's parliament. Kahane appealed again to the high court to enforce its earlier ruling by citing Hillel for contempt of court. The 3-judge panel said it would consider the appeal but set no date.

This was rendered moot, however, when the house committee, acting on Hillel's request, drafted the regulations allowing him to bar bills of an especially repugnant nature. Orthodox members of the committee attempted to delay action but Labor or Likud, acting in rare concert, agreed any delay would be a victory for Kahane.

World-National

Numbers tend to degrade individuality

By
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It is a safe assumption that an interesting case to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in its current term will be argued in Canadian courts as well — if not next year, then surely the year thereafter. The American case involves a member of the Native population who resisted having his young daughter entered in the rolls of the Social Security program because, he averred, his religion forbade him to assign her a required number.

Rabbi Plaut

The majority of us who live in a numbers-oriented universe are likely to wonder why anyone should be bothered by such a seemingly harmless practice as getting an SIN, credit card, or bank number. The fact is that while social insurance and its arithmetic fallout are very young, human aversion to being numbered is very old indeed.

Most historians assert that Otto von Bismarck, founding chancellor of Germany's Second Reich, instituted the first state-run social insurance program. In 1883 the German parliament enacted a system of public health insurance, a year later workmen's compensation was introduced, and five years thereafter old age and incapacity were added to the insurable causes. (Incidentally, that law of 1889 also introduced the age of 65 as the time for retirement which, critics claimed, was a sop for the opposition Social Democrats but did not do much for the workers, because all too few lived long enough to claim their retirement benefits.)

But while such programs are just a century old, religious resistance to all forms of counting humans has a long history. The Bible furnishes an excellent example. Numbering was a privilege reserved for Ha-Kadosh Baruch Hu, for the mystery of human individuality was tainted when it was submerged in figures and calculations. Numbers should not be substituted for people, they held, only the Almighty "had our number."

Hence, censuses were not to be taken except at divine behest (as those recorded in the 1st and 26th chapters of the Book of Numbers), but when King David engaged in conducting his own, unauthorized, survey the results were disastrous.

To this day there are pious old-timers in our Jewish community who follow the practice of counting people in a very special way. Since they would not presume on divine privilege and count "one, two three . . ." they count instead "not one, **not** two, **not** three. . . ." This may seem to some as an amusing circumvention; it nonetheless has symbolic value for it reminds us of the need to separate ourselves from the ever greater encroachment of numbers.

Computers too need not necessarily dispense with names and rely on assigned numbers alone. To be sure, "Joe Cohn" is hardly enough to identify the bearer with certainty, and therefore some numbers will likely be added to one's name to assure proper identification.

But I, for one, hold out for some way of preserving my own name, and aside from all else, I am a child of the generation that remembers those who were numbered by the Nazis in the concentration camps. The slave masters knew well what it meant to deprive their prisoners of their selfhood. Numbering them on their arms (even if it was for temporary survival) served this goal all too effectively.

Perhaps at the basis of my concern is the total or nearly total qualification of life. The questions asked resolve around "how much, how big, how old, how new?" and the like. These descriptions seem to supercede the more important considerations of "how good, how worthwhile, how challenging?"

I don't know whether the U.S. Supreme Court will deal merely with the relationship of state and religion, or whether it will consider the philosophic issues as well. I do hope that when Canadian courts will be faced with a similar case they will indeed address themselves to the deeper questions.

Renewal of ties with Israel

Ivory Coast offers breakthrough

By
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JERUSALEM —

An impassioned endorsement by one of Israel's best friends in Africa may have provided the long-awaited breakthrough for Israel's diplomats to follow her experts and businessmen back to the continent.

When Ivory Coast president Felix Houphouet-Boigny declared, in a 6-hour press conference, that his country was prepared to resume full diplomatic relations with Israel, a ranking official from Jerusalem just happened to be in the capital city of Abidjan.

"Actually, it wasn't pure coincidence," says Ben'ad Avital, director of the African department at Israel's foreign ministry. "I was scheduled to visit the Ivory Coast anyway, but when we heard that the matter was to be discussed in the ruling party's congress and that the president had called a press conference afterwards, I put my arrival forward by a few days."

The congress resolved that the Ivory Coast could maintain diplomatic ties with all nations that respected her sovereignty and didn't meddle in her internal affairs.

Houphouet-Boigny spelled out that his country would entertain requests from the USSR to establish relations — and from Israel to renew them. But, says Avital, he added a ringing statement of affection for Israel and the Jewish people — and repeated it again and again, in response to questions from Arab journalists.

"It was fantastic. I haven't heard such a declaration of friendship for many years, from any country. It felt as though I was back in the early 60s."

The Israeli diplomat then asked to be received by the 80-year-old president, who knows him well from Avital's three years of service in Abidjan. When reached by telephone at the Ivory Coast capital, Avital expected the audience within a few days — and a renewal of relations "very soon." In his view, while the party resolution did not mean the step would be taken immediately, it was clearly taken to prepare public and world opinion and to demonstrate that the decision was a national one, rather than the president's personal wish — an important consideration, given his age.

May speed similar decisions

Nonetheless, the prestige of one of Africa's most respected statesmen may now speed up similar decisions by other states of the continent. "I may now be visiting some other countries which could be renewing relations with us in the near future, although they haven't declared it so openly," says Avital. "In fact, my immediate purpose will be to study the effect of Houphouet-Boigny's statement."

Israel's official policy has hitherto been that since it was the Africans who broke off relations in 1973 under Arab oil pressure, it was up to them to initiate renewal. Avital considers, however, that in the case of the Ivory Coast at least the formality of an Israeli request may be in order. "The question is academic anyway, since Houphouet-Boigny knows we want it. In fact, in his view relations were never really broken off — an Israeli interests section always remained in another embassy, and economic and other relations went on as before."

Other leaders have been less courageous: one recently confided in foreign ministry director-general David Kimche that his country's best interests would long since have dictated renewal of relations — but he was afraid of assassination at the order of Libya's Moammar Quaddafi (who has indeed sent his squads after Zaire's president Mobutu Sese Seko, one of the few to re-establish an embassy in Tel Aviv).

In the Ivory Coast, the same hard-headed realism that built one of Africa's healthiest economies continued to make the most of Israeli knowhow and entrepreneurship. A striking example was given this year when Pope John Paul II consecrated Africa's largest cathedral at Abidjan — a soaring architectural marvel constructed by Israel's Solel Boneh company.

"Who cares if we don't have diplomatic relations?" a smiling woman from the Ivory Coast said recently at a gathering of Third World trainees in Israel. She was studying community organization at Haifa's Mount Carmel Institute. "We all know who our real friends are. When my colleague and I return home, we'll be your best ambassadors."

For the politicians, of course, diplomatic relations do matter, as does the context of recent developments in the Middle East for Houphouet-Boigny's statement. He had broken relations with Israel only reluctantly, and has since met discreetly with Israel's leaders.

But the change of international climate toward Israel and the Arabs in the last few weeks seems to have given him a freer hand. When asked at his press conference why the Ivory Coast had not denounced Israel's air raid on PLO headquarters near Tunis, the president said he saw no need to go beyond a private letter to his Tunisian counterpart Habib Bourguiba. Public tirades, he said, did nothing to advance peace — and he would not indulge in them.

Reagan pledges support

NEW YORK (JTA) —

President Reagan last week pledged his support for removal from the record of the United Nations' Zionism-is-racism resolution, adopted by the UN General Assembly on Nov. 10, 1975.

Reagan made his pledge in a message to a conference on Israel, Zionism and the UN attended by more than 1,000 Jewish, Christian and civic leaders at UN headquarters.

The conference was co-chaired by two former U.S. ambassadors to the UN, Senator Daniel Moynihan and Jeane Kirkpatrick, and by Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassdor to the UN.

Moynihan was ambassador at the time the resolution was passed.

Reagan, in his message, read to the conference by Netanyahu, declared: "Few events have so offended the American people as the 'Zionism-is-racism' resolution of Nov. 10, 1975. It was as if all America stood to afirm the response of our chief delegate, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 'The United States rises to declare before the General Assembly of the United Nations and before the world that it does not acknowledge, it will never abide by, it will never acquiesce in this infamous act.' "

Reagan added: "The U.S., under the leadership of three different Presidents, has remained true to that pledge. Today, I am proud to reaffirm that promise and further, to pledge my support for the removal of this blot from the UN record."

White S. Africans choose to give up their self-image

By
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WASHINGTON —

Shortly before my recent trip to South Africa, my young cousin confided that he was afraid for my safety. That seemed reasonable. Television news almost nightly showed scenes of violence and reports of a rising body count. I tried to reassure him. Most of the dead had been killed in places under circumstances that a journalist could avoid.

My explanation did no good. The boy, it turned out, thought the South African government wanted to kill me.

Examine his logic. He knew I was a critic of the South Africa regime. He knew I had already written columns denouncing apartheid. He felt an almost physical repugnance for the policies of the South African government and he knew, from our casual conversations, that I felt the same way. If that was the case, he reasoned, why were the South Africans allowing me into the country? After all, they had to know what I would probably write.

Adults are supposed to have the answers, but I had none. And I still don't. But two explanations suggest themselves and they both bode ill for the future of South Africa-U.S. relations and, indeed, for the future of South Africa itself. The first explanation is that no matter what the South Africa government may look like to Americans, it considers itself a Western democracy and does its best to behave accordingly. That means admitting most foreign journalists who apply, rejecting only those whose reporting they think has already proven hostile.

The second explanation is much harder for Americans to understand. It is that official South Africa really thinks that once you get to see its country, understand its problems and complexities, then you will also understand why the government does what it does. For instance, it is almost incomprehensible for whites to hear criticism of the government for imposing emergency rule on much of the country when the decree is ostensibly supposed to save Black lives.

Now, however, South Africa has imposed severe restrictions on the press. No longer will Americans be able to turn on the television set and see scenes of rioting Blacks or, as happened recently, the police entrapping young rioters and then opening fire on them. The lack of pictures will not mean that such scenes are not being repeated daily. It only means that television crews have been banned from the 38 districts where the emergency decree applies. In theatrical terms, South Africa has gone dark.

Of course, the new restrictions have a utilitarian value. Not only do they tighten the hold the police have on the country, but they will, sooner or later, tend to diminish South Africa as a television news story and thus as an issue in this country. But this kind of censorship, while effective, has its costs. In South Africa's case, it is its image of itself as a Western democracy.

The press edicts represent capitulation, exhaustion — a government that no longer thinks it can make its case to the world or, worse, maybe no longer cares to. No longer can official South Africa think that a sojourn in that country will swing a journalist to the government's point of view — that in appreciating the complexity of the country they will also come to appreciate the necessity of racial segregation.

In this sense, Pretoria has come to realize that the gulf between Americans and many white South Africans is as great as the one between the United States and the Soviet Union — a matter not of information, but of values. As with the Soviet Union, familiarity breeds contempt. No enemy of apartheid is as passionate as someone who has witnessed it.

In censoring both the domestic and foreign press, by making it subordinate to any police officer on the spot, South Africa illustrates the corrosive effect of apartheid — how the efforts of a minority to subjugate a majority sooner or later robs the minority of its values. In this case, South African whites are slowly surrendering their image of themselves as Western, Christian, democratic. Slowly, they concede that these values are secondary to the highest value of all: holding power.

The press edicts move South Africa closer to the image held by my young cousin and farther from the image it once had of itself. He saw it as a totalitarian regime that was capable of doing anything. It's beginning to see itself the same way.

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Hadassah-WIZO convention views institutions

Peters video brings delegates closer to Israelis

By
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WINNIPEG — Cecily Peters, national Hadassah-WIZO president, helped bring delegates attending the opening meeting of the organization's biennial convention here closer to the people they help support when she used videotape to present part of her report. (The parley opened over the weekend. A full report in the next CJN.)

Filmed in Israel immediately after Peters' arrival from the United Nations Women's Conference this summer, the tape shows her visits to the institutions funded by the Canadian organization.

In Jerusalem, she is seen at the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Research Institute which has received international acclaim for the work accomplished by its director, Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, with brain damaged, retarded and learning-impaired children. (Feuerstein has lectured widely in Canada and recently conducted a seminar at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto.)

Peters is also shown meeting with Dr. Mordechai Woron, director of the Asaf Harofe Hospital near Netanya, discussing the various departments and services supported by Canadians, most specifically, the new diagnostic medical imaging centre now being established.

The national president also visited Hadassim, one of the largest and most modern boarding and day schools in Israel, and Acco Hofin, a children's village that was transformed last year into an absorption centre for Ethiopian Jewish children who arrived in Israel without their parents. In recent months, however, children with families have been admitted as well.

Rabbi Nahum Cohen, director of the village, was a convention participant.

In a written report presented to supplement the film, Peters reviewed the first two years of her 4-year term.

"In the last two years, I have lived one of the most intense educational, creative, inspiring and even occasionally frustrating experiences anyone could hope to pass through," she wrote.

"Yet I feel personally enriched and grateful for this wonderful opportunity to expand my horizons and to do so for such a wonderful cause — the improved quality of life of our greater family, the people of Israel."

Among the milestones of her presidency to date, Peters included the participation in the 1983 conference in Israel to mark the 50th anniversary of Youth Aliyah, along with six other Canadians, 250 delegates from elsewhere in the Diaspora and 150 Israelis.

Hadassah-WIZO national president Cecily Peters is seen with Ethiopian Jewish youngsters in Israel.

She added that among the organization's new projects in Israel are the previously mentioned imaging centre at Asaf Hospital and new fellowships at Hebrew University in computer science and research in anti-Semitism.

The organization's commitment to a number of institutions in Israel, including the Nahalal and Hadassim schools, the Neri Bloomfield Haifa College, 12 day care centres, a kindergarten and youth and women's clubs, have been maintained and will continue well into the future, Peters said.

The organization has also undertaken a more prominent role in representing the interests of Canadian Jewish women and held public affairs seminars in Ottawa in 1984 and last spring with this purpose in mind, she said. Workshops on human rights and women's issues have been sponsored throughout Canada and emphasis is being placed within the organization's chapters on Canadian and international affairs.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO had the largest of this country's delegations to the UN conference in Nairobi where members participated in workshops dealing with general women's issues as well as those specifically affecting Israel, Peres said.

The organization will continue to concentrate on increasing membership and fund raising. The designation of September as Hadassah-WIZO Month in various major Canadian cities has been effective in attracting new members and in promoting a greater awareness of the organization's achievements.

"Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is unique among Israel-based organizations in that our activities are conducted not only for the benefit of the Israeli institutions which we support, but also for the people of Canada," Peters said.

"We are foremost in the development of projects to enhance Jewish education and identity among our members and their families, of working with other women's groups to improve the conditions of indigent and battered women and children in this country and to enlighten our elected officials about women's issues and in working within the greater community to inform our neighbors about Israel's problems and solutions.

"Our community-wide public affairs programs in numerous Canadian cities have done much to improve relations and understanding among different ethnic groups."

Other speakers at the opening session included Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel ambassador to Canada; Winnipeg Mayor William Norrie; Manitoba MLA Bryan Corrin, representing the province; Pearl McGonigal, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba; Neri Bloomfield, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation and past president, 1972-76, of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and Dr. Yonah Alexander.

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: Is a get always a mitzvah?

No. Not all gittin are mitzvoth.

Rabbi Burak

I am even distressed when a family has to call back the wedding invitations they had sent to family and friends. Relatives must now be advised not to come for the wedding as it has been cancelled. Gifts must be returned to those who sent them . . . When young people ask me about the advisability of canceling the nuptials instead of going through with them, I usually advise them to go ahead and get married. To cancel the wedding arrangements brings grief and humiliation to others.

How much more so does a divorce bring grief and humiliation sometimes to one party, and sometimes to both parties. That being so, why do it? Why throw away a spouse as easily as one throws away a frock?

The Talmudic views on the grounds for divorce are spelled out for us in felicitous language by Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. in volume 3 page 59 of his Sermons, Addresses and Studies: "The School of Shammai maintained that a marriage could be dissolved only by unchastity on the part of the wife, because adultery alone sapped the whole structure of marriage and made its continuance impossible. The School of Hillel argued that divorce should be permitted for any reason which entailed rupture of domestic harmony . . ."

For all that we follow the School of Hillel, the statement of the Talmud in Tractate Gittin, 90B, is very much to the point: "If a man divorces his first wife, even the very altar sheds tears because of him." Consider what happens to the children of a broken home, how disturbed they become by the whole proceeding. Some of them become living orphans, their world shattered, their sense of security destroyed. Can their parents' get be a mitzvah?

The Talmud base its doctrine that the altar weeps over the man who divorces the wife of his youth, on these words of the prophet Malachi, Chapter 2:13-14: "And this further ye do: Ye cover the altar of the Lord with tears, With weeping and with sighing. Insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more, Neither receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say: 'Wherefore?' Because the Lord hath been witness Between thee and the wife of thy youth, Against whom thou shalt hast dealt treacherously, Though she is thy companion, And the wife of thy covenant."

If this is its description, it can't be a mitzvah.

It is true that I have written in an earlier column that giving a get is a mitzvah. But, a mitzvah is not always a mitzvah. Sometimes, the mitzvah may be listed as a sin. Take the study of Torah: according to the Mishna, Peah, Chapter 1:1, it outranks all other mitzvoth. That being so consider this statement in Midrash Rabbah, Leviticus, 35:7: "If one learns (Torah) with the intention of not practicing, it were better for him had the after-birth in which he lay turned over his face, and he had not come out into the open air of this world."

That rabbinic sage felt that such a mitzvah is a scandal, so terrible in its dimensions, that it were better for the man not to have been born.

So too is the story of gittin. There was a time when men wrote a bill of divorcement as an act of consideration and love, not hate. The Talmud tells us in Tractate Shabbes, 56A, and Kesubos, 9B: "Everyone who goes out into the war of the House of David writes his wife a deed of divorce . . ." The soldier did this so that his wife would be free to marry without the necessity of halitsah, if he should fall in battle. Tosfos takes the stand that this was done in case the soidier should fail to return because he became a prisoner of war.

But, if the get is written to enable him to marry a temptress who broke up his home . . . that's no mitzvah.

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to the family of the late
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Rabbinical Council's 50th anniversary

Orthodox celebrate new strength

By
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NEW YORK —

Orthodox Judaism has grown strong in North America over the past half century, says the president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein spoke to an audience of 400 at the 50th anniversary dinner of the association of Orthodox rabbis, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan.

The guest speaker was Senator Daniel "Pat" Moynihan, senior Democratic senator from New York State.

Since 1935, Bernstein said, the North American Orthodox rabbinate has been able to maintain the distinction between the sacred and the profane and transmit it to subsequent generations.

He noted that Nov. 10 marks the anniversary of Kristallnacht, when the reign of Nazi terror against Jews began with the smashing of windows in Jewish shops across Germany.

"This might have led Jews to question God — just as Abraham might have questioned Him.

"But instead, Torah Judaism has flourished."

Five rabbis who were among the founders of the RCA were honored at the banquet for their contributions to the growth of Orthodox Judaism.

They served all across the U.S.: Rabbi Oscar Fasman in Chicago; Rabbi Nehemiah Katz in Toledo, Ohio; Rabbi Manuel Laderman in Denver; Rabbi David Silver in Harrisburg, Pa.; and Rabbi Israel Tabak in Baltimore.

A plaque was presented to each by Rabbi Benyamin Walfish, executive vice-president of the RCA.

In his response on behalf of all five, Rabbi Laderman said that the RCA was a "shidduch" between the alumni of two theological seminaries, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago.

They had a mission, he said, "to witness to our love for Torah" to Jews

Rabbi Louis Bernstein

who believed that it was not possible to live an observant Jewish life in the new world.

"We have less to fear today," Rabbi Laderman said, calling for "a greater generosity of spirit.

"We have a new responsibility on moral and ethical issues.

"We have a greater responsibility to show more neighborliness to our fellow Jews — and yes, to our fellow rabbinical organizations and our fellow Americans."

Also honored at the dinner were 93-year-old Dr. Leo Jung and Mrs. Jung. Rabbi Jung is rabbi emeritus at the New York Jewish Centre.

He has been professor of ethics at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva University, and was president of the Rabbinical Council of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

In his introduction of Moynihan, Bernstein noted that the date marked another anniversary.

The infamous "Zionism is racism" resolution was passed by the United Nations on Nov. 10, 1975.

"On Kristallnacht, the voices of the world were stilled," Rabbi Bernstein said, "but 10 years ago, a voice was heard that was the conscience of mankind.

"The American ambassador to the United Nations, Pat Moynihan, was that voice."

As ambassador, Moynihan spoke vehemently against the resolution, and he was equally vehement in his address at the banquet.

The consequences of the resolution, he said, had been 10 years of terrorism.

It has, he said, given an aura of respectability to attacks on Jews of all nationalities, anywhere in the world.

The 50 years of the RCA's existence had been years of "a measure of peace in our land," but of horror for the Jews of the world, Moynihan said.

"More than a remnant, but still survivors, they have been assaulted year after year — and there is no peace yet."

Even the U.S. and Israel, Moynihan recalled, appeared indifferent to the Arab-sponsored, Soviet-backed racism resolution — until in October, 1975, an outcry came from the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Jews in 15 cities of the USSR issued a statement, he said, condemning the resolution as "a terrible proposition that had to be resisted."

Andrei Sakharov, he said, had sent him a telegram from Moscow, warning that if the resolution was passed, it would contribute to worldwide anti-semitism.

Moynihan ended his speech by appealing for patience and hope.

Costa Rica's ambassador to the UN in 1975, a Catholic priest, was "one of the very few who stood with us at that time," he said, "because he understood."

A recent Catholic-Jewish Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil focused on the resolution, he noted.

"As men and women of God, we must never despair," Moynihan concluded. "We must persevere in truth."

A Torah convocation was held prior to the banquet. Rabbi Leo Landman, dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University and rabbi of Congregation Talmud Torah of Flatbush delivered the learned address.

Others who spoke at the banquet included Rabbi Don Well, president of Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, Sidney Kwestel, president of the Orthodox Union, and Rabbi Max N. Schreier, the dinner chairman.

Cantor Joseph Malovany of Fifth Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan sang.

The Canadian Orthodox rabbinate was represented at the banquet by Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz, accompanied by Mrs. Zeitz, of Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.

Jordan group meets farmers in West Bank

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

An official delegation representing the Jordanian ministry of agriculture visited Israel recently and spent four days talking to Arab farmers in the West Bank, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Avraham Katz-Oz disclosed.

He said it was the fourth such visit by an agricultural working group from Jordan.

He said the visitors crossed the Jordan River bridge and reported formally to the Israel government and to the West Bank military governor before embarking on their tour of Arab farms in the territory. Katz-Oz met with them in his official capacity.

Jordan still maintains nominal responsibility for Arab residents in the West Bank who are governed by Jordanian law. The Amman government pays the salaries of local Arab civil servants and school teachers — in addition to the salaries they are paid by Israel. Much of the agricultural produce grown in the territory is marketed in Jordan and elsewhere in the Arab world.

According to Katz-Oz, the Jordanian government shows greater concern for Arab farmers in the West Bank than the Israel government does its own farmers.

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First Jewish leader of Ontario Tories –

Second attempt brings success for Grossman

By
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TORONTO — After 10 years in public office and two leadership campaigns, Larry Grossman emerged victorious to become the first Jewish leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party and the third Jewish leader of the Opposition in Ontario's history.

Grossman squeaked into the leader's chair by a mere 19 votes last weekend at the PC leadership convention at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre after beating out rival Dennis Timbrell on the second ballot.

Grossman was jubilant following his close win, promising to work closely with Timbrell and Alan Pope — who dropped out after receiving 271 votes on the first ballot — and to unite the party.

"Welcome to the party of tomorrow," Grossman told over 2,000 cheering delegates and supporters from all three camps in his victory speech. "Despite the hectic year, we will heal and come together now. What unites us is the simple desire to win and to serve the people of Ontario.

"Our job is to reach out to friends of quality education and fair taxation...and ask them to work with us," he added. "Let us begin the process of reaching out to where we have never reached before."

The new Tory leader took time out from his victory speech to introduce his wife Carole, children Melissa, Jamie and Robbie and parents Allan and Ethel to the cheering masses.

(Allan Grossman was the first Ontario Jewish Conservative cabinet minister.)

During the campaign, Carole Grossman told The CJN, she did not think her husband's victory would drastically affect their lives.

Praises Miller

"I don't think our life will change much if he wins," said Grossman, who was at her husband's side a good part of the campaign. "He's busy now, he will be a little busier."

The new Tory boss praised outgoing leader Frank Miller for his "contribution of part of the healing process."

In last January's leadership convention Grossman lost out to Miller on the third ballot by 77 votes after forcing Timbrell out on the second ballot by 6 votes.

The margin was not as narrow on the first ballot this time around as Grossman took 752 votes to Timbrell's 661 and Pope's 271, thereby forcing Pope out of the race.

Norm Atkins, the driving force behind the Tory Big Blue Machine and Grossman supporter, said prior to the results of the first ballot that it would be in the party's best interests if Pope would remain neutral after dropping out.

When the results were finally out, Pope did just that and released his delegates who were snatched up by the Grossman and Timbrell camps.

While Timbrell's people had no problems capturing a fair share of Pope's delegates, it appeared that the ethnic vote went to Grossman. As one ethnic delegate said, "Larry's the one who understands ethnic groups."

Grossman's Tories at least now have the appearance of being more open. There were eight Black delegates at the convention, all Grossman supporters, and almost all Oriental delegates also backed Grossman from the start.

However, results showed francophone delegates were evenly split between Grossman and Timbrell. (Grossman was the only Tory on the platform who did not speak French.)

Susan Fish, MPP for St. George, told The CJN prior to the final results that a Grossman victory would show the public that someone not from the "mainstream" of the party could reach the top.

Ontario Tory leader Larry Grossman with sons Jamie and Robbie. (Ron Csillag photo)

Mike Cohen, president of PC Metro, said that with Grossman as leader he expected more work would be done at the riding level and that the party's base would be broadened. He also said Grossman would improve the financial management of the party.

But observers say Grossman's biggest challenge in the short term is to unite a badly fractured party. There was talk on the convention floor that if a vote came down to between Grossman and Timbrell, many delegates would not vote for fear of further splitting the party.

But that didn't happen. On the crucial second ballot, all but seven delegates cast votes.

Nevertheless, there was a great deal of disunity on the convention floor. After Grossman had won, many Timbrell supporters refused to put on their "Unity Now" buttons, even after Grossman's urging. Some Timbrell supporters, visibly angry and shaken, just walked out prior to Grossman's victory speech.

There was discord in the Pope camp too. It was rumored that earlier in the day, Grossman had tried to contact Pope about the possibility of striking a deal and Pope refused to take the call.

Indeed, even Grossman's campaign manager, John Laschinger, admitted that two leadership campaigns in one year have caused rifts in the party and that healing them will be Grossman's most immediate challenge.

The narrowness of Grossman's win over Timbrell also cast doubt on the party's health. One downtown riding association president was overheard as saying his riding is "split in half," while Mississauga North riding association president Harry Gregg, a Timbrell supporter, said Grossman's victory was not in the party's best long-term interests. Promoting party unity, he added, will be more difficult under Grossman than it would have been under Timbrell, because Timbrell was better equipped to out-flank Premier David Peterson in an election.

But Grossman played down suggestions of division in the party.

"When we went into this leadership campaign, we were very worried that this would be a divided party, given the results of May 2, (when the PCs lost the provincial election). But it really wasn't," Grossman said in his victory address.

Many observers claim that Grossman's win was a needed shot in the arm for a party long regarded as small-town, establishment and dominated by wealthy White Anglo-Saxon Protestants.

The other two provincial parties have both had Jewish leaders — Stuart Smith having led the Liberals and Stephen Lewis, the New Democrats. Neither was able to bring his party to power.

Grossman emerged on the political scene in 1975 after capturing his father's seat of St. Andrew-St. Patrick. Two years later he entered cabinet as minister of consumer and commercial relations and went on to oversee the portfolios of industry and tourism, health, economics and the provincial treasury.

After losing to Frank Miller last January, Grossman was appointed minister of education and later served as Opposition House Leader after the change of government in June.

War crimes suspect arrested

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three leading Jewish organizations have praised the apprehension in Argentina of 71-year-old Walter Kutschmann, a former Nazi SS officer and Gestapo official, arrested near Buenos Aires on a special extradition request from West Germany.

Kutschmann, who has been hiding in Argentina under the alias of Pedro Ricardo Olmo since 1947, is reported to have told arresting officers, "The chase is over. I will not run."

Arrested by four police agents working with Interpol, the international police identification network, he is the highest ranking former Nazi official alive today.

Among the charges facing Kutschmann in West Germany are that as an SS officer and Gestapo official in 1941 and 1942 he ordered the execution of 1,500 Jews in Berezhany and Podgaisty and the killing of 20 university professors and their families in Lvov, an area of then German-occupied Poland and now part of the Soviet Ukraine.

Reports from Argentina said Kutschmann continued after his arrest to maintain that he was not Kutschmann, but that he was Pedro Olmo. Officials in Argentina failed to say how long it would take the judge to hand down a decision on the extradition request from West Germany. There is no formal extradition treaty between West Germany and Argentina.

Israeli medical supplies are sent to Colombia

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **Israel sent 2½ tons of medical supplies to the victims of the volcano eruption in Colombia and will send more supplies and a medical team if the Colombian authorities request it.**

The first shipment of medical supplies from Israel was flown by El Al to New York. The consignment was coordinated by the Magen David Adom, the ministry of health and the foreign ministry.

It consisted of 100 large packages of bandages, ointments and medication requested by the Colombian Red Cross after inquiries were made by the Israel embassy in Bogota. El Al carried the shipment free of charge. It was flown from New York to the disaster area in Colombia.

The foreign ministry has allocated funds to purchase additional medicine and blankets for the survivors of the volcanic eruption.

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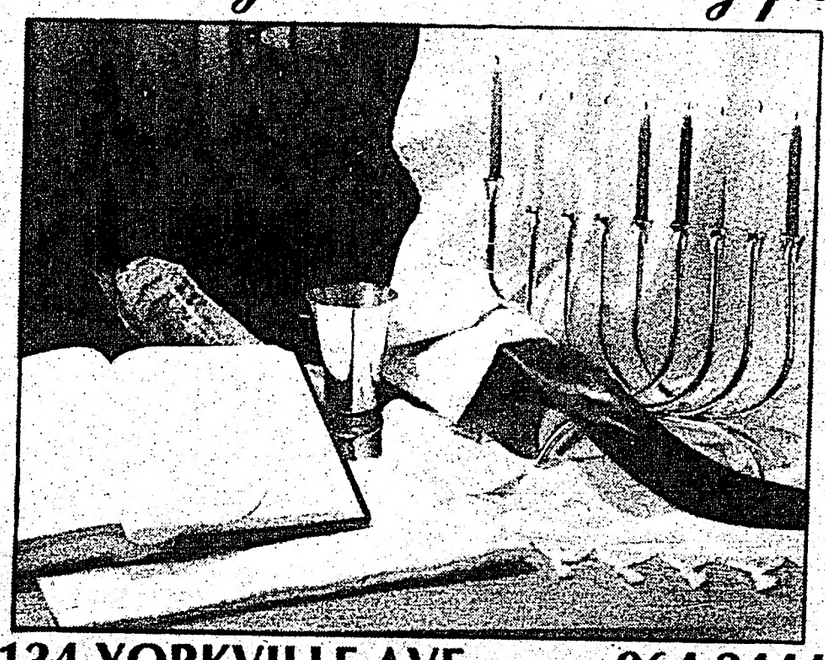

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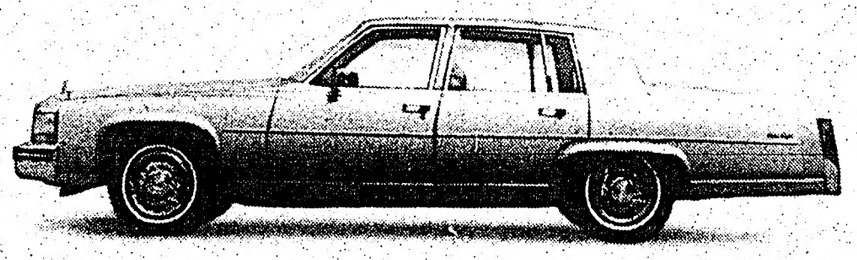

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World-National

Trauma summons up ugly images of anti-semitism

West German play arouses deepest passions

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For the second time in a year, the Jewish community in West Germany has been unsettled by an event which has aroused the deepest of passions.

In May, Jews were rocked when West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and U.S. President Ronald Reagan visited a military cemetery in Bitburg which contained the graves of 49 Waffen SS troopers, Hitler's elite guard.

The incident, which coincided with the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II, dredged up all the bad memories about the Nazi era Germans desperately wanted to forget.

Now, less than six months later, West Germany is going through another trauma which summons up ugly images of anti-semitism.

Last week, in Frankfurt, the director of that city's repertory theatre succumbed to enormous pressure and decided not to stage a play which has been at the centre of an intense controversy.

Guenther Ruehle, who formerly edited the literary section of the prestigious Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, announced after a meeting with Mayor Walter Wallmann that *Garbage — the City and Death* would not be staged for the time being.

Written in the mid-1970s by the noted German filmmaker, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, who died in 1982 at 36, the play was labeled anti-semitic by Jews, various politicians and some newspaper commentators. Jewish spokesman, in particular, said it slandered and defamed Jews.

Ruehle, maintaining that it was not necessarily anti-semitic, claimed that he was the victim of censorship.

The play became the focus of fierce debate when 25 Jewish protestors occupied the stage and forced Ruehle to cancel its premiere on Oct. 31. Ruehle insisted it would have a second premiere on Nov. 13, but this was not to be.

However, *Garbage — City and Death* may be shown elsewhere in West Germany, which, officially, is home to some 30,000 Jews.

In the wake of its cancellation in Frankfurt, theatres in the cities of Ulm, Cologne and Bochum expressed interest in staging the play.

In all probablity, West Germany has not seen the last of *Garbage — City and Death*.

Fassbinder, one of West Germany's most prolific and honored film directors, wrote the play at a time when developers, some of whom were Jews, began to build highrise apartment buildings in Frankfurt's posh West End district.

A bleak and violent tale of frustrated love among prostitutes and homosexuals, the play had as its central character a powerful real estate developer simply called the Rich Jew. What offended Jews and non-Jews alike was a 4-minute monologue by a character who has been adversely affected by the purchase and demolition of old residential housing.

Part of this dialogue reads: "He sucks us dry, the Jew. He drinks our blood and puts us in the wrong because he's a Jew and we carry the blame... If he had stayed where he came from, or if we had gassed him, I could sleep better today."

To its detractors, these lines were just too reminiscent of the Third Reich to slough off.

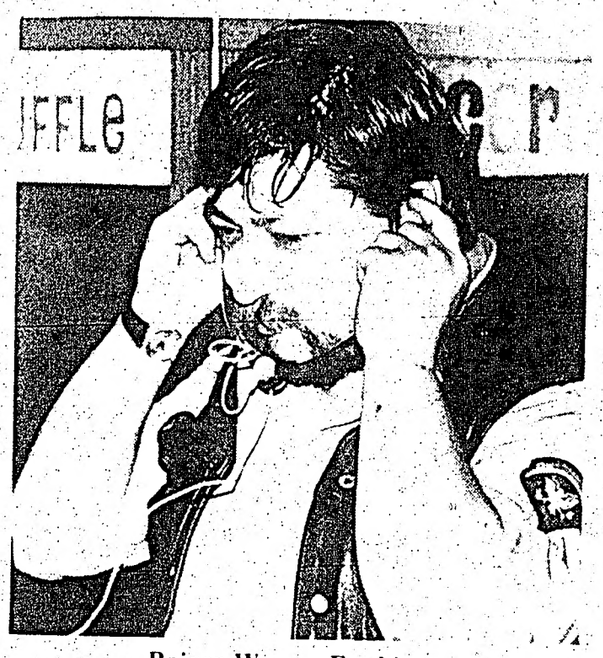
Fassbinder, who strenuously denied that the play was anti-semitic, tried to stage it on four separate occasions. But such was the reaction that he failed to do so.

Even so, he argued that "the Jew in this play is the only person who is capable of loving. He is absolutely a figure with positive particulars."

Ruehle adopted a similar argument. In an interview, he said: "The Rich Jew is not a negative figure. The Jew is put in as a plumb line to see how the Germans are reacting to the Jews in their midst."

Despite this rationalization, not a single person critical of the play changed his or her mind about it.

Mayor Wallmann, who has cultivated warm relations with Frankfurt's 5,000-strong Jewish community, said: "I think it's a bad play. It has no artistic merit. For me, it's clearly anti-semitic. If the author had not been Rainer Werner Fassbinder no director would think of putting it on."



Rainer Werner Fassbinder

Hermann Alter, the minister of culture in the federal state of Hesse, pointed out that Jews had been irretrievably wounded by the Hitler era and could not be expected "to put up" with such a play "in the name of freedom of art."

In the face of this widespread criticim, Ruehle watered down the play and showed it to selected critics in an attempt to defuse accusations that it was anti-Jewish.

But West Germany's most important literary critic, Marcel Reich-Ranicki, a Jewish survivor of the Warsaw ghetto, was not impressed. Writing in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, he noted: "Everything has been done to make the Jew a melancholy figure instead of a sadist and to make him a marginal figure... But the play is stupid, worthless and repulsive, and it remains stupid, worthless and repulsive."

In the aftermath of its cancellation, commentators on West German radio stations attacked the Jewish community for "censorship through violence." And some even warned that the Jews' success in blocking the play would not ultimately work, and might trigger anti-Jewish feelings in the country.

But other observers took a different approach to the problem.

The publisher of the mass-circulation magazine Der Spiegel, Rudolf Augstein, strongly attacks the play in the current edition, charging that *Garbage — the City and Death* is "anti-semitic, colored over as pro-semitic." Augstein said Ruehle had displayed "a monstrous lack of sensitivity" in his persistent desire to stage it.

Marion Donhoff, the publisher of the widely-read weekly, Die Zeit, and one of West Germany's most respected liberal journalists, best summed up the whole sorry mess.

Ruehle, she explained, had fathered a needless cause celebre in which there are few uplifting lessons and even fewer winners.

As she put it: "The theatre manager has put the city in a hopeless situation. If, despite all the protests, the play is put on, anti-semites will be triumphant. If it is not, then they will also triumph, because they will say, 'You see again what power the Jews have."

MDA time capsule set

TEL AVIV —

Israeli Health Minister Mordechai Gur placed a time capsule in the cornerstone of the new $12 million Magen David Adom National Blood Services Centre in Ramat Gan in a recent cornerstone-ceremony attended by MDA officials, health ministry representatives and members of MDA support organizations from abroad.

Many of those present were invited to sign proclamation scrolls placed in the time capsule along with microfilm containing the names of the major contributors to the building of the facility.

The ultramodern blood centre is designed to provide improved and enlarged blood bank collection facilities for Israel. It will be equipped with the most sophisticated technology for the fractionation of blood into its components and its storage. This includes plasma, packed cells, albumin, globulin and cryo-precipitate, all of which will be available to all the hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

In addition, laboratories will serve research projects in such fields as hepatitis, leukemia, AIDS and other diseases.

Street will be named for Raoul Wallenberg

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

The Senate has approved legislation to name a street in front of the soon-to-be built U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as Raoul Wallenberg Place, in honor of the Swedish diplomat who saved some 100,000 Jews in Hungary during World War II.

The naming of the street was in an amendment to District of Columbia appropriation bill introduced by Senator Carl Levin. The House took similar action earlier this year.

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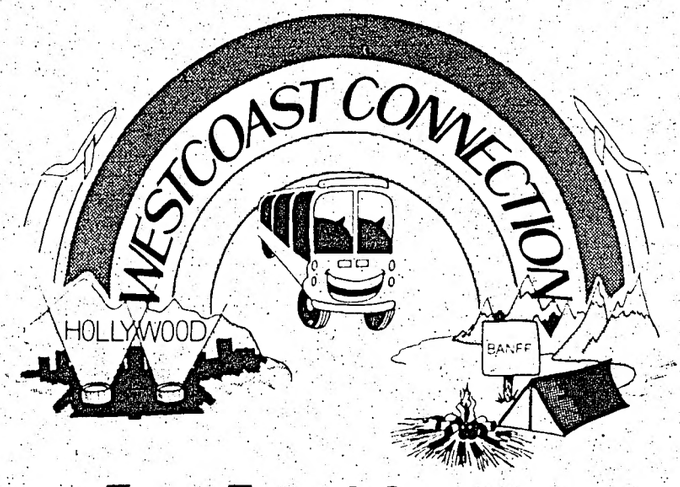

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Itzhak Ben-Zvi, long-serving second President of the State of Israel, was born Nov. 24, 1884. One of the country's pioneers, he contributed as soldier, politician, statesman and Jewish historian.

Ben-Zvi, originally Shimshelevich in his native Ukraine, was the eldest son in a strongly Zionist family. His father visited the Holy Land in 1891 as a member of an education-oriented division of Hovevei Zion, the pre-Herzl Zionist movement that originated in Russia, and eventually moved there.

In 1906, Ben-Zvi, while enrolled at the University of Kiev, helped found the Poalei Zion (Workers of Zion) labor organization that was to attract Eastern Europe's leading Jewish intellectuals and later form the social, economic, and political infrastructure of the state of Israel — from kibbutzim to the Histadrut, and the Mapai and Mapam parties. In the same year, he helped organize Jewish resistance in the violent pogroms sweeping the Ukraine.

Ben-Zvi settled in Palestine in 1907; the same year, he represented the yishuv as its Poalei Zion delegate to the 8th Zionist Congress in The Hague. Shortly after his return, he helped found a pioneer self-defence organization, HaShomer, and the first Hebrew socialist periodical in Palestine, Achdut. Among his dedicated co-workers was Rachel Yanait, also from the Ukraine, who, herself playing an instrumental role in the country's socialist development, would soon become his devoted wife.

During World War I, Ben-Zvi and other Zionist activists were deported from Palestine by the uneasy Turkish administration. He and David Ben-Gurion, the country's future Prime Minister, wound up in New York. There they established political support groups among keenly sympathetic new immigrants, and helped press for a Jewish volunteer military movement to participate in the conquest of Palestine from the Turks.

The Jewish Legion, which had been called for in Britain and Egypt for years by militant Zionist Ze'ev Jabotinsky and Russian war hero Joseph Trumpeldor, became a reality in 1918. Ben-Zvi and the others, who would later become bitter political opponents, served among its volunteers.

In 1920, the Histadrut, the yishuv's general federation of labor, was founded. Ben-Zvi was elected to its secretariat of directors.

The same year marked the founding of the yishuv's Vaad Leumi, national council, which came to provide a civil and social authority to complement Britain's military rule in the future Jewish national homeland. It also provided the training and a significant part of the structure of the future state's government. Ben-Zvi played an active role in the Vaad's leadership, becoming its chairman in 1931 and its president in 1945. In the political struggles that occasionally broke out, he could be counted on as one of Ben-Gurion's staunchest supporters.

Ben-Zvi very much loved Jerusalem, and played an active part in its municipal affairs from 1927 on. Conflicts with the city's Arab administration led to his resignation after the 1929 pogroms against its Jews. In 1934, he was re-elected to the Jerusalem Municipal Council, and helped direct another spurt of growth in the Jewish sections of the city. Ben-Zvi helped inject the city's administration with the Labor Party affiliation that marks it to this day.

Ben-Zvi was elected Mapai (main Labor) MK in the fledgling state's first elections, in 1949, and again in 1951. He suceeded Chaim Weizmann, who died in office, as President of the state in 1952, a ceremonial function he played with warmth and enthusiasm for nearly three successive 5-year terms. He was well received in state visits around the world, particularly in Third World countries whose admiration for Israel as a developing country was still unspoiled by Arab propaganda and coercion.

Ben-Zvi's terms as President allowed him to pursue a lifelong avocation with unprecedented time and opportunity at his disposal: research into varied and far-flung Jewish communities. From his university days on, he published articles and reports on the Samaritans, Karaites, Shabbateans and other groups, which became research benchmarks. He also displayed an avid interest in the variety of Jewish settlements in pre-20th century Israel, from Ottoman communities to the earliest villages founded by the newly arrived Israelites under Joshua.

Ben-Zvi died in office in 1963, at 79. A memorial institute in his name was founded to publish his works.

Best interpretation on "signals"

Ben-Horin: Israel waits for Jordan

OTTAWA —

Israel's ambassador to Canada says Israel is putting "the best possible interpretation" on "signals" emanating from Jordan following Prime Minister Shimon Peres' proposals at the United Nations for peace negotiations between the two countries.

"Israel has shown a willingness to give King (Hussein) credit for good intentions, but when the chips are down it is decisions that count," Eliashiv Ben-Horin said recently.

The ambassador told a luncheon meeting of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Group Israel had "stretched itself very far to take into account and to accommodate what King Hussein perceives as his difficulties in joining the peace process."

He reiterated the government's position calling for negotiations with Jordan "with the support of an international forum."

Ben-Horin told the meeting Peres proposed negotiations between an Israeli delegation and "a Jordanian or a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as long as the delegates represent peace not terror."

He suggested the process could be expedited through a meeting of "small working groups of both sides within 30 days, to discuss such matters as procedure and the agenda for the full negotiation."

Ben-Horin ruled out any role for the PLO in a settlement, saying the terror perpetrated by that organization in recent weeks confirms "the myth of (PLO chairman Yasser) Arafat's so-called moderation.

"There is of course nothing we can do to help those who have eyes but refuse to see, and have ears but refuse to hear," he said, "but such people should not complain if their judgment, if not to say their motive, is questioned.

"Since the beginning of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Palestinian Arabs seeing the need for accommodation with Israel have been intimidated and silenced by threats and assassination by the PLO and its forerunners," Ben-Horin continued.

He called for Palestinian — not PLO — participation in negotiations with Israel, and he said "valid Palestinian participation" will occur if the Palestinians prevent those who have "again and again brought suffering and disaster on their fellow Palestinians" from speaking on their behalf.

Referring again to "signals" from Jordan indicating a willingness to talk peace with Israel, Ben-Horin said "now is the time for all true advocates of peace to persuade her of the need to show the courage of her convictions."

No place like Nome at Chanukah

Bubbie and Zayde get mail

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The winter holiday season can be tough on Jewish children.

Living in a society in which for months Christmas and Santa Claus are the focus of attention, Jewish kids can sometimes feel angst at not being able to participate in the mid-winter revelry.

But five years ago, a youthful native of Massachusetts living in Alaska offered a unique alternative to the thousands of Jewish children who wished they too could write to Santa Claus at the North Pole.

It may not be the North Pole and they certainly don't resemble Santa, but for 2,000 Jewish kids, bubbie and zayde fill their Chanukah fantasies.

Dan Bloom is the guiding spirit behind bubbie and zayde, the mythical grandparents in Nome, Alaska to whom Jewish children from around North America send bags of letters.

It all started out as a sort of experiment to help Jewish children relate to a fantasy during Chanukah and relieve their anxiety during the Christian holiday season, Bloom told The CJN in a phone interview.

And, while giving the kids a good time, it helps those children who may not have a strong Jewish background identify with a Jewish holiday, he added.

Bubbie and zayde ask the kinder "to write to describe the preparations for the holiday at home, to describe their family (even their pets!) and to tell B & Z their favorite school activities."

Unlike Santa, bubbie and zayde don't promise special holiday gifts, Bloom said.

So far, the annual letter blitz has really taken off. In its initial year Bloom received about 125 missives, but last year 2,000 letters mostly from the U.S. and Canada jammed bubbie and zayde's post office box in Alaska.

Most are from children, and they often express the innocence and simplicity of the younger set. One letter, Bloom recalled, asked for a new set of teeth for their real zayde and a new towel for bubbie.

Bubbie and zayde have even received a kosher salami from Montreal, Bloom recalled. "Why couldn't they send gefilte fish?" he joked.

Other letters come from grown ups who thank B & Z "for keeping the memory of their grandparents alive," Bloom said.

About ⅓ of the letters come from Canada, with Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver the origins of most.

An interesting sidelight, Bloom noted, is that Canadian kids seem to be more familiar with their Jewish roots than American children, and they sometimes spice up a letter with Jewish and Hebrew words.

With bagsful of letters to answer, Bloom, like Santa, has to rely on the help of "elves" to complete the task. That's where the "menshkins" come in.

These Jewish residents of Nome help by writing and mailing replies, some of which go as far afield as England and Israel.

Bloom, editor of a weekly newspaper in Alaska, said he's even received a letter from Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, inviting him to visit the mayor's offices when in the Holy City.

Although the B & Z program costs him about $400 (U.S.) per year (he receives about $1,000 in the mail to help defray mailing and other costs), Bloom said he has no plans to put an end to the mythical grandparents.

"The letters from children were so heartwarming, I couldn't stop after only one year," he said.

And, being so far from major centres of Jewry, "it keeps me in touch with Jewish communities."

Eventually, Bloom says he hopes to publish a book of the letters.

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Jewish mayor for Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky —

Jerry Abramson, a former Democratic alderman and member of the United Jewish Appeal's young Leadership cabinet, last week became the first Jewish mayor of Louisville, Kentucky.

Abramson picked up 73% of the city's votes in defeating his opponent, Republican Bob Heleringer. Abramson succeeds Harvey Sloane. The 73% plurality represents the largest margin of victory ever by a mayor in Louisville.

The 39-year-old Abramson, born in Louisville, is an active member of Congregation Knesseth Israel (Orthodox). He has in the past been active in numerous Jewish organizations and activities.

Besides his involvement with the UJA, he has been active as a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville, on the executive board of the local chapter of B'nai B'rith, and former chairman of the local chapter of the National Jewish Community Relations Council.

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Editorial

Bad leadership

Whatever one might wish to say about the weaknesses of Israel's current leadership, the Arab version of leadership makes Israel's look pretty good.

One wit asked recently what terrible crime the Arabs had committed to have been punished with the leaders that now determine their destiny.

King Hussein of Jordan gave some slight hope to the world when he administered a slap on the wrist to Yasser Arafat for the thuggery which the PLO perpetrated on the Achille Lauro.

Hussein also increased hopes for a new development in the Mideast when he urged the convening of a peace conference under international auspices.

Arafat's response to Hussein's slap was to affirm the PLO's intention of carrying on the "armed struggle in occupied Arab lands." The English translation reads: "Terrorism and the murder of innocents in Israel."

As for Hussein's endorsement of a conference under international auspices — Martin Peretz of the New Republic observed that Prime Minister Peres spoke recently at a conference under international auspices, the UN — and the members of the Jordanian delegation walked out. So much for King Hussein's willingness to listen to Israel.

The only Arab leader who did manifest that willingness, the late President Anwar Sadat, discovered that there was much utility involved in negotiating with Israel. He found Israel's representatives to be tough but realistic and in the end Sadat received back all of Sinai without firing a shot.

It is perhaps too much and too early to expect the appearance of another Sadat among the pygmies that now rule the various Arab regimes. The price of searching for peace in the Arab world is very high; it cost Sadat his life.

Until the price comes down, the prospect for a negotiated settlement in the Mideast appears remote.

Congratulations

One of the remarkable things about the Jewish community of Winnipeg is that it has supported anglo-Jewish journalism. This year two Jewish newspapers, The Jewish Post and The Western Jewish News are celebrating their 60th anniversaries.

Actually Jewish journalism in English got its start even earlier in the chilly city. As far back as 1920 there was a brief period when the Israelite Press, a Yiddish newspaper, launched an English weekly called The Guardian. Unfortunately the new publication lasted only six months.

For the last 60 years, however, Winnipeg has been served by two weekly newspapers. The Yiddish paper managed to maintain its equilibrium until the 1970s when because of loss of readership, it finally folded, despite the fact it had added a page in English.

The interest in the Yiddish language remains high, however, and the two surviving papers regularly feature Yiddish columns.

Both The Jewish Post and The Western Jewish News have published retrospective articles and special editions celebrating the development of Jewish journalism in Winnipeg.

A number of colorful portraits emerge from these special numbers reflecting on the people associated with the newspapers over the years. Some distinguished names in Canadian Jewish life are featured in these studies. The noted jurist, Justice Samuel Freedman, used to sell advertising for The Jewish Post.

The business success of both English weeklies depended, of course, on the skill of its advertising salesmen.

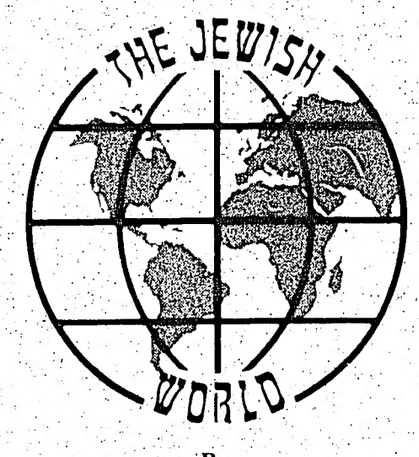
Matt Bellan, the current editor of The Jewish Post writes: "Salesmen for The Jewish Post and Western Jewish News would race across Western Canada so one would get to a town before the other. Woe betide any salesman who approached a businessman for ads after the representative of the other paper had already been there."

It was that kind of aggressive advertising strategy plus a creative editorial presentation of the news which affected Jews everywhere that permitted Jewish journalism to survive in Winnipeg.

Congratulations are in order.

Bonanza for browsers

These books worth checking



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jewish book fairs are held all over North America in November, and readers who like to browse will no doubt want to examine the following books:

Michael Marrus, a professor of history at the University of Toronto, and the co-author of the acclaimed *Vichy France and the Jews*, has written a masterful account of late 19th and 20th century European refugee movements which seriously affected relations between states. *The Unwanted (Oxford University Press, $34.95)* considers a whole gamut of problems, but pays special attention to the Nazi era and its effect on Jews.

One of the pleasures of The Unwanted is its style. Unlike many academics, Marrus writes felicitously.

The Unwanted is better understood if it is read in conjunction with Edward Jablonski's pictorial albums on World War I and World War II. *(Doubleday, $17.95 each)*. Jablonski's text, plus the striking black-and-white photographs he has assembled, leave you sadder but wiser.

In *A Refugee From Darkness (Pantheon, $18.95)*, Naomi Shepherd resurrects the long-forgotten world of Wilfred Israel. The privileged British-born heir to a German-Jewish business fortune, Israel was a hero in the mould of Raoul Wallenberg. Shepherd, a veteran journalist, credits him with saving lives by providing assylum for 10,000 Jewish children in the 1930s.

According to Shepherd, Christopher Isherwood, in *Goodbye To Berlin*, modeled one of his enduring characters, Bernhard Landauer, after Israel. With the outbreak of war in Europe, Israel emigrated from Nazi Germany, but continued his dangerous work on behalf of Jewish refugees. He and screen star Leslie Howard were killed in 1943 when a German combat aircraft shot down their unarmed plane over the Bay of Biscay. The compelling, but ultimately tragic, story of his life is told skilfully and compassionately.

America's mean refugee policy in the years immediately before and after World War II is examined mercilessly by David Wyman in *Paper Walls (Random House, $12.95)*. Paper Walls, which has been reissued in paperback, is an excellent companion volume to his magnum opus, *The Abandonment of the Jews*, which was published last year.

Paper Walls reaches the conclusion that the U.S. restricted Jewish immigration from 1938 to 1941 for a variety of reasons, not least of which were outright anti-semitism and high levels of unemployment.

Despite the prevailing callousness of the day, President Franklin Roosevelt was persuaded, in June of 1944, to admit 1,000 refugees as temporary guests of the government. Among them were 874 Jews. In *Haven (Coward McCann, $15.95)*, Ruth Gruber recreates the events which led to the President's decision, describes the refugees' voyage across the Nazi U-boat infested Atlantic, and traces their settlement in the U.S.

Gruber, a noted newspaperwoman, is very familiar with her material. As special assistant to Harold Ickes, the American secretary of interior, she personally escorted the refugees from Italy to their new home in Oswego, NY.

If Depression-bound America was so unreceptive to Jewish refugees, politicians like Joe Kennedy had something to do with the hostile atmosphere. Kennedy, the father of a future president, was an isolationist, an appeaser, and, in his private life, "a casual anti-semite," write Peter Collier and David Horowitz in *The Kennedys: An American Drama (Warner, $5.95)*.

In their vastly illuminating, excellently researched book, the authors focus on every member of the Kennedy clan, but Joe Kennedy — and his son John — loom large.

Canadians will soon be able to watch Claude Lanzmann's epic film of the Holocaust, Shoah, which has played to rave reviews in Europe and the U.S. If they are moved by it, they will surely want to read *Shoah (Hurtig, $15.95)* which contains the script of his 9-hour movie. French novelist Simone de Beauvoir's introduction is apt. At one point, she says: "There is a magic in this film that defies explanation."

When the Nazis occupied Czechoslovakia, they confiscated Jewish artifacts from Bohemia and Moravia and shipped them to Prague with the idea of establishing a "museum to an extinct race." This Judaica filled more than 50 warehouses throughout the city.

Under the umbrella of The Precious Legacy, part of this astounding collection was exhibited in the U.S. and Canada this year. *The Precious Legacy (General Publishing, $27.95)* is a magnificently designed catalogue which depicts the exhibits' paintings, textiles, procelain, glassware, printed books and illuminated manuscripts. It is edited by David Altshuler, a professor of Judaic studies at George Washington University.

Heritage: Civilization and the Jews (General Publishing, $49.95) is based on Abba Eban's 9-part TV series. Like *The Precious Legacy*, it is a lovely coffee table volume, ideal as a gift, the steep price notwithstanding.

Profusely illustrated with high-quality color plates, *Heritage* is a literate narrative of 5,000 years of Jewish history, encompassing the ancient Israelites of Mesopotamia, the upheavals of the Enlightenment and the birth of the Jewish state.

Raphael Patai, a prominent anthropologist, is a most prolific writer. *The Jewish Mind (Collier Macmillan, $22.50)*, published in hardback eight years ago, is one of 20 books he has written. Reissued in softcover after an hiatus of eight years, The Jewish Mind is indubitably an erudite work. But not all his readers will necessarily agree with all his findings.

Joachim Schoenfeld is 90 years old, but is still going strong. Schoenfeld's vitality is plainly evident in *Shtetl Memoirs* and *Holocaust Memoirs (Ktav, $17.50)*. A Holocaust survivor, he recalls the area in Galicia where he was born and the ghetto and concentration camp he went through. Because he writes with such vigor and authority, these twin volumes are among the best in Holocaust literature today.

Naomi Cohen's Encounter With Emancipation: The German Jews in the United States 1830-1914 (The Jewish Publication Society of America, $25.95) is enlightening and readable. Her thesis is that German Jews, rather than Sephardic Jews, laid the foundations for the modern American Jewish community.

Enriched by anecdotes, and buoyed by formidable research, *Encounter With Emancipation* shows how German Jewish peddlers and small merchants built business empires, communal institutions and political influence. She takes her story up to the time when German Jews began to share their communal responsibilities with Jews of East European descent.

The rise of East European Jews in the American Jewish community is documented by Stephen Birmingham in *The Rest Of Us (Berkley, $5.95)*, a soft-cover reprint. Birmingham isn't a serious scholar, not in this book, but he is fun to read.

When newcomers arrived in North America, they created a network of fraternal organizations, or landsmanshaften, which stood them in good stead as they adjusted themselves to their new country. Michael Weisser, in *A Brotherhood of Memory (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $27.95)* explores this socially useful phenomenon by drawing on his own family history and first-hand accounts.

Jewish and Female (General Publishing, $19.95) comes at a time when Jewish women are struggling to reconcile their gender with their Jewishness. Susan Schneider's book is informative and educational. Women, in particular, will find it very useful.

Joseph Lelyveld's *Move Your Shadow (Random House, $25.50)* is a first-rate exploration of contemporary South Africa. It better enables readers to understand the fears and the doubts which animate South African Jewry in these turbulent times.

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"Communications city" near Jerusalem

Movie tycoon Golan goes from success to success

By
PEARL SHEFFY GEFEN

TEL AVIV —

A boy who haunted the single cinema in Tiberias, because he was too thin to engage in sports, has become the hefty tycoon of the major money-making independent film company in the world.

Menachem Golan, head of the vast Hollywood-based Cannon Group conglomerate with his cousin Yoram Globus, is a large, heavy man of powerful aspect, quick in speech and movement, and seemingly indefatigable.

He is now directing, as well as producing, The Delta Force, a $10 million Golan-Globus production co-authored by the same Golan and being filmed entirely in Israel. It stars Lee Marvin, Chuck Norris, Shelley Winters, Hanna Schygulla and a host of others, but, says Lee Marvin, who plays the leader of an American anti-terrorist unit which rescues the hostages of a hijacked American plane, "there's only one star on this film . . . and that's Menachem."

Cannon Group Inc. is spending about $100 million making 20 films in 1985 on locations ranging from Alaska to Zimbabwe. Six are set in Israel. Cannon also owns cinema chains in Europe and Israel and a huge distribution network. And now Golan is building a $24 million "communications city" near Jerusalem because, he says, "Israel is the most important place for me on earth."

When Golan and Globus acquired Cannon five years ago, its shares cost 20 cents. Today they are worth $22 on Wall St. How did they do it? Budgets are kept ruthlessly low, work days are long (on The Delta Force they run to 12-18 hours daily), office and other expenses squelched. Because overhead is reduced to a bare minimum, Cannon can make a film for $3 million which might cost a major studio $20 million.

"We hate to see money spent off the screen," shrugs Golan. "I don't believe in the bullshit of the motion picture industry."

Menachem Golan was born in Tiberias in 1929, son of an electrician and businessman. "I was a very thin child, not fat like now," he recalls "and I was no good at sports. I felt desperate to do something, and I found an outlet for my energy in cinema and theatre. At the age of 12, I ran the drama club in our town.

"I was a bad student but the best storyteller in our school. I failed in English class, but I knew every play by Shakespeare by heart. I knew every American movie. My father wouldn't give me money for the movies every two days, so I would sneak into the projection booth."

At 14, he built a sort of movie machine: "My mother was a Polish intellectual and she had many books at home. I couldn't read Polish, but I tore out the photos and stuck them together like toilet rolls, and in our cellar I made a cinema machine by putting the photos in one side and rolling them out the other side. I was famous as the sucker in the town: I would pay one mil, an Israeli penny, to anybody who would come see my film."

In the 1948 War of Independence, he was first a radio operator — "and you can read in the Haganah book how I personally saved the old town of Tiberias one night when I smuggled the Jews out through the Arab quarter after our armored Egged bus hit a mine" — and then a pilot trainee.

He wrote for the Air Force magazine, acted at the Cameri theatre, and then left for London with just enough money for a boat ticket. The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) accepted him "even though I had no money to pay fees," and to support himself, he became the night guard of the Israeli consulate in London.

He directed plays in London clubs and then returned to Israel. By the age of 25, "I became a famous director. But I was fed up with theatre and went to New York to study film-making. I worked again at the Israeli consulate, but this time they made me vice-consul for information."

After a year as a grip on the film sets of American producer Roger Corman — along with fellow-student Francis Ford Coppola — back he went to Israel, found backing for his first film, discovered actor Haim Topol and produced Sallah. That film sold over a million tickets, was nominated for the Academy Award and led Topol to Fiddler on the Roof and Golan to Hollywood.

For the next 20 years, Golan and Globus made Israeli and international films, attended film festivals and began to gain international recognition.

"Everybody asks how we made it," Golan says, "and I tell them we learned the hard way, which means you take a black-and-white Hebrew-speaking picture and sell it to Japan, which is almost impossible. But my cousin Yoram (Globus) is the best salesman in the movie industry.

"Twice we went practically bankrupt. We sold our houses and mortgaged our wives, we were twice arrested because we couldn't pay our debts. But our movies got better and we began to get prizes. We are among the very few in the world to win four nominations for the Oscar."

Many of the Cannon films are low-brow adventure flicks, but that's not the whole story. In 1954 Love Streams won first prize at the Berlin film festival and Maria's Lovers was nominated for the French Cesar.

Katherine Hepburn's performance in The Ultimate Solution of Grace Quigley won a prize at the Montreal film festival, and to crown the year, Golan was Queen Elizabeth's escort when the Buckingham Palace committee chose his film version of Agatha Christie's Ordeal by Innocence as the Royal Premiere of 1985.

Golan maintains that Cannon "changed the face of Hollywood. We convinced the Directors' Guild that a movie which costs $2 million shouldn't pay the director the same as a movie costing $15 million. All the stars — from Brooke Shields to Sylvester Stallone, the star of my next film — want to work with us, because we give them more freedom and treat them as human beings who can contribute ideas.

"In Hollywood today, 90% of the movies are made because at a Hollywood party, the producer is friendly with the star, they both take some drug, and they say 'let's do a film together.' These movies are disasters. We came with a different spirit . . . of simply loving to make movies.

"They were suspicious of us for the first two years. They said, 'who are these two Israelis who are coming to teach us?' We didn't come to teach them. We just came to work in our way. You don't see us at Ma Maison Restaurant, where every big producer has lunch and talks bull for three hours. We don't sign deals on tennis courts or at parties."

When the new "communications city" near Jerusalem is completed, it will include, Golan stresses, "the biggest studio in the world, to be a centre for religious filmmaking. Do you realize that not one moment in the year goes by without some religious movie being shot somewhere in the world?

"This will be the peak of what we're doing, designed to last forever. Everybody wants to leave some mark. This will be ours."

Menachem Golan

Study shows print media largely indifferent

Press, TV Mideast coverage differs

By
ARNOLD AGES

Six researchers associated with the University of Windsor and the University of Toronto have published an important analysis of Canadian press and television news coverage of Israel and the Mideast during the late fall and early winter of 1982-1983.

The analysis appearing in the July Middle East Focus shows that there has been a significant difference between the two media agencies in Mideast coverage.

In their review of six Canadian newspapers — the Globe and Mail, the Ottawa Citizen, Le Devoir, La Presse (from Montreal), the Halifax Chronicle Herald, and the Vancouver Sun — Professors T.A. Keenleyside, W.C. Sonderlund and B.E. Burton show that in October, November and December of 1982 Canadian newspapers were largely indifferent to Mideast news.

This surprising conclusion is supported by graph analysis of the total news stories that appeared in the inventoried newspapers over the period mentioned. The Mideast ranked fifth in importance, after Eastern Europe in terms of coverage. In the study by the Windsor academics it is shown that Israel and the Mideast received only 4.5% of news stories, compared to American-related news items which ranked first at 28.3%.

"Considering the importance the Arab-Israeli conflict has assumed in international politics since World War II, the tumultuous events which occurred in the months immediately preceding our period of analysis (the Lebanon war) . . . the level of coverage was hardly impressive . . . This finding lends support to the notion that the press is relatively indifferent to Middle East developments insofar as they relate to Canada."

On the question of bias in editorial and news reportage, the study concludes that a perceived tilt towards Arab views is illusory. Both the English and French press, it is noted, provided a fairly well balanced treatment of the two sides in the Mideast conflict, with Israel receiving a slightly higher editorial support.

The authors observe that "there is evidence of the effectiveness of Jewish organizations in Canada in securing press coverage for their point of view."

John Kirton, Jack Barei and Edi Smockum, all of the University of Toronto, have reached totally different conclusions regarding Canadian television coverage of the Mideast conflict. Their companion piece in the Middle East Focus shows that far from being indifferent, as is apparently the case with newspapers, Canada's two major television networks have been preoccupied with the Arab-Israeli imbroglio.

The Toronto researchers focused their attention on CBC and CTV late evening news broadcasts during the period from December 1982 through February 1983. The study was carried out in part because of criticism that had been leveled against those sources for presenting Israel in an unfavorable light during the invasion of Lebanon in June of 1982.

One conclusion was that the Mideast "is a single item of the daily news diet, and a relatively continuous concern of the news producers and viewing consumers." Another was that both television networks "displayed a general similarity in their overall number and particular choice of Mideast items covered, as they did in the composition of their newscasts as a whole."

Coverage of Mideast happenings was the third component in television news; only American and Western European news stories dominated more. Within the Mideast context the researchers discovered that Israel itself received a very high profile in the television news. Only OPEC and Libya were able on occasion to dislodge Israel from its central position in the television focus.

Kirton, Barei and Smockum indicate that the portrait of Israel as an aggressor nation, which had been a staple of television news during the summer period, had dissolved into a more nuanced picture by the fall of 1982 and the winter of 1983. After commenting on the coverage of the Sabra and Shatila massacres, the authors note: "Moreover, virtually all of the ensuing stories involving Israel tend to cast it in a positive light, as a peacemaker in the region and Lebanon, and as a victor of violence in Lebanon."

Significantly the authors also suggest that if Israel came across fairly well during the monitoring period so did the Arab world. The PLO for example "is seen as a violent protagonist than as a defeated opponent, beset by internal divisions, engaging in hostile rhetoric but moving in practice, however slowly, to become part of the process of peace."

In their conclusion the authors point out that the indifference towards the Mideast characteristic of Canadian newspapers in the fall of 1982 had disappeared by the winter, in television's coverage of events.

"Yet the apparent return of attention carried with it a return of the traditional image of Israel . . . a more democratic and in some respects humbled state."

Mussolini's stance on Jews was deceitful, opportunistic

On Nov. 24-26 NBC-TV is presenting a mini-series on the Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini. RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS discusses here the relationship between Mussolini and the Jews of Italy at that time. (From World Wide News Service — Seven Arts).

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Mussolini was vain, deceitful and opportunistic. His relationships with the Jews might very well be characterized in these terms, particularly deceitful and opportunistic. His Jewish views and policies depended on the shifting political winds and his personal mood.

In 1919, Mussolini attacked world Jewry in his newspaper Popolo diItalia defining it as "the accomplices, the soul of both Bolshevism and of capitalism."

In October 1924, he reversed his stand saying, "Bolshevism is not, as is believed, a Jewish phenomenon," and further claiming that "Italy does not know anti-semitism and we believe that it will never know it." In point of fact, there were very few Italian Jews in the fascist system. Mussolini sought out a Jew to head his ministry of finance. In 1932 he appointed Guido Jung as minister. Six years later when Mussolini promulgated his racial laws, Guido Jung signed a statement to the effect that his mother had had an extramarital relationship with a Catholic and that he was the illegitimate offspring of that union and proclaimed himself a bastard.

Another curious episode in the life of Mussolini is the fact that he had a Jewish mistress by the name of Madam Sarfatti who wrote an idealized biography of him.

His attitude to Zionism was similarly ambivalent. To Chaim Weizmann he said, shortly after his accession: "You know, we could build your state easily." In February 1928, he personally approved and encouraged the creation of the Italy-Palestine Committee but rebuked the Italian Zionists in November of the same year (probably in deference to the Vatican with whom he was about to sign the concordat) charging them with disloyalty to Italy.

Mussolini had a strange relationship with Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Zionist leader. As a result of their discussions Mussolini consented to start a naval school for Jews. The Jewish naval school trained a conglomerate crew of Romanian, Polish, Czech, Hungarian, German and Lithuanian Jewish sailors. They became the nucleus that founded the Israel navy.

In November 1923, Mussolini declared to Angelo Sacerdoti, Chief Rabbi of Rome, that "the Italian government and Italian fascism have never intended to follow nor are following an anti-semitic policy."

He soon reversed his position. From 1936 he dissociated himself from the Western world and drew near to his derided disciple and future master. He blamed "international Jewry" for the sanctions which castigated Italy for its Ethiopian adventure and marked the end of his rapprochement with the Western democracies.

Later, under pressure from the Germans, the Italian government promulgated anti-Jewish laws. Mussolini read them and on the margin he scrawled nulla osta ("no objection").

In a conversation with King Victor Emanuel of Italy, during the drafting of the so-called November Laws, the king said to Mussolini three times that he "feels infinite pity for the Jews." The Duce said that there were 20,000 spineless people in Italy who were moved by the fate of the Jews. The king replied, "I am one of them."

Italian people, in general on all levels found ways to ignore these laws. This continually irritated and frustrated the Germans in their efforts to persecute the Jews.

Opinion

Book describes subservience to British policy

Canadian-Israeli ties only came with King's exit

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Canada has usually been portrayed as a champion of Zionism and an unswerving supporter of Israeli statehood. But, as David Bercuson observes in *Canada and the Birth of Israel (University of Toronto Press, $24.95)*, the truth is far more complex. Indeed, Bercuson describes this interpretation of Canadian Middle Eastern policy as "simplistic, to say the least."

Until the spring of 1947, fully one year before Israel emerged as a sovereign nation, Canada, for all practical purposes, was uninvolved in Middle Eastern affairs and had no desire to be so. If anything, the Canadian government was slavishly subservient to British foreign policy. What this meant in practice, especially after Britain's 1939 White Paper restricting Jewish immigration to Palestine, was that Canada was not too enamored of Zionist aspirations.

More to the point, Canada was not terribly interested in the region. By 1945, when Palestine was boiling over with troubles, Canada still had virtually no commercial or strategic interests in the Middle East. As Bercuson points out in this interesting but sometimes ponderous book, Canada did not buy a drop of Middle Eastern oil until 1948. And its trade with the Arab world was extremely minor. Consequently, Canada did not want to become involved in the thorny Palestinian question, notwithstanding efforts by local Zionist lobbyists. As well, the great Canadian public was apathetic to the Middle East.

Such was Canada's allergic reaction to the Middle East that, when the United Zionist Council asked Prime Minister Mackenzie King to "use his good offices" to support cancellation of the White Paper and the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, the department of external affairs recommended a "non-committal" policy.

Ottawa's refusal to take an official position, writes Bercuson, was based, in part, on the advice given to King by Elizabeth MacCallum, the department's only bona-fide Middle East expert. A shy, precise person, born in Turkey of missionary parents, she urged Canadian neutrality on Palestine. She argued that the Jews and the Arabs should work out their own solutions through negotiations and mutual understanding. Yet, as events would prove, MacCallum was not as evenhanded as it might appear.

According to Bercuson, a professor of history at the University of Calgary, Canadian policy underwent something of a change in September of 1946 after Louis St. Laurent and Lester Pearson were appointed minister of external affairs and under-secretary of state for external affairs, respectively. St. Laurent, he explains, did not have "the ingrained deference" to Britian that so colored many of King's attitudes, while Pearson wanted to increase Canada's active involvement in world politics.

The real breakthrough came in April of 1947, when Canada consented to join the United Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP), a panel of 11 "neutral" countries designated to study the deteriorating situation in Palestine. Canada joined largely out of concern that Arab-Jewish strife was damaging Anglo-American relations. Bercuson makes the telling point that pro-Zionist lobbying did not influence Canada's decision. Canadian policy was made behind closed doors.

Ivan Rand, a Supreme Court justice, was chosen to represent Canada on UNSCOP. Eventually, he proposed the division of Palestine into three parts — a Jewish state, an Arab state, and a Jerusalem enclave. Partition was the essence of his plan. UNSCOP, by a majority vote, eventually recommended partition.

Pearson, who always claimed his fidelity to the idea of a Jewish state, favored partition as a solution. But MacCallum did not. She said that it wouldn't work without cooperation from Jews and Arabs, and she feared that an early British withdrawal from Palestine would bring "Zionist or Arab extremists" to power.

In spite of her opposition, Bercuson writes, Canada began leaning toward partition after R.G. Riddell, a senior department of external affairs official, strongly urged the governmemt to accept it as the only practicable solution. On Nov. 29, 1947, Canada, after much deliberation, voted for the famous UN partition resolution. Bercuson claims that Pearson played a key role in Canada's decision. In voting for partition, Canada was way ahead of Canadian public opinion. A Gallup Poll released just a few months later showed that most Canadians were neutral on Palestine and that a greater number actually favored the Arab cause.

Mackenzie King

In point of fact, Mackenzie King, who had not been known for sympathies to Jewish wartime refugees, was less than thrilled by Canada's pro-partition stance. He had been away in Britain attending to various matters when Pearson instructed Canada's UN delegate to vote for partition. On his return to Ottawa, he voiced regret that Canada had joined UNSCOP and had voted for partition. Having been brainwashed by the British, King was of the view that partition would lead to war with the Soviet Union for control of the Mediterranean basin. He would hold this position until his retirement, and St. Laurent deferred to his wishes.

But Canada, having become a member of the UN Security Council in 1948, could not wash its hands of Palestine, Bercuson says.

After May of that year, following Israel's declaration of statehood, Canadian Zionists launched a campaign to persuade Canada to recognize the new Jewish state. It was spearheaded by Moe Appel, whom Bercuson calls "the first fulltime lobbyist (for Israel) in Ottawa."

Canada, however, did not respond favorably. Britain, the Mandatory power in Palestine, let it be known it would not follow Washington's lead and recognize Israel. Britain maintained that recognition would be tantamount to "a declaration of hostility" to the Arabs. Britain was also unfavorably disposed to Israel's membership in the UN, since Transjordan, formerly a British mandate, had failed to secure a UN seat.

Firmly under Britain's thrall, Mackenzie King told his fellow cabinet ministers that Harry Truman, the American President, had erred in recognizing Israel. He characterized Truman's recognition as "evidence of the impetuousness and lack of real wisdom in American diplomacy."

As a result of King's influence, Canada partially backtracked, supporting a suggestion by Count Folke Bernadotte, a UN mediator, that would have denied Israel the Negev Desert.

Ivan Rand

Moe Appel

Canada, in this period, also took steps to ensure that Canadian citizens did not violate the UN embargo with reference to the supply of war material or manpower reinforcements to Arab and Jewish forces in Palestine.

Despite this, King did not always get his way. Canada, in July of 1948, abstained on a Syrian UN resolution recommending the referral of the Palestine matter to the International Court of Justice. Says Bercuson: "This was the first indication that Ottawa was beginning to have doubts about the wisdom of British policy..."

Nevertheless, Canada declined to accede to entreaties from the Jewish community to recognize Israel and to support its admission to the UN, he adds.

According to Bercuson, an important watershed in the evolution of Canadian Mideast policy occurred when King resigned. Pearson, he explained, was then "almost completely free to reassess" Canada's role in the region. To Pearson, Britain's approach to the Palestine problem, based as it was on the hope that it could salvage an Arab diplomatic victory, was not workable. He thought that London's policy ignored the reality of Israel's military strength and its political influence in the U.S.

In spite of Pearson's belief that Israel was a permanent fixture in the Middle East, Canada continued to withhold its vote for Israel's admission to the UN. When a UN resolution to that effect was tabled, Canada abstained while countries like the Soviet Union and the U.S. voted in favor. The Israelis, Bercuson notes, were furious. What happened was that Canada, having been informed by Britain that Israeli membership in the UN would prejudice secret negotiations going on between the U.S. and Transjordan, once again deferred to British interests.

Finally, on Dec. 24, 1948, Canada extended de facto recognition to Israel. St. Laurent, who by now had succeeded King as Prime Minister, reached the conclusion that recognition had become inevitable because of Canada's support for partition.

After Israel renewed its application for UN membership on Feb. 24, 1949, the Canadian cabinet supported it in the hope that it "would encourage moderate parties and policies in Israel by a gesture of confidence." Britain abstained on that seminal resolution, which Canada co-sponsored together with the U.S., Australia, Guatemala, Haiti, Panama and Uruguay. A few days later, Pearson said in a speech in Toronto that this vote signified de jure recognition of Israel by Canada.

It is Bercuson's belief that the Zionist lobby in this country was ineffectual in steering Canadian policy in Israel's favor. In Canada, he explains, professional diplomats have more of an input in policy determination than their American counterparts. Therefore, they do not have to cope with "the sort of powerful rivals found in the U.S. Congress, in lobby groups, or in the White House..."

Bercuson's explanation rings true. Canada is different than the U.S. And these differences probably account for the fact that Canada, nearly 40 years ago, was so slow to recognize realities in the Middle East.

Beeper-Yuppies won't buy "make love, not war"

By
ELAINE KAHN

For me, as for many of my acquaintances, the Lipa Green Building in Toronto has begun to assume its own personality in my life. That of a benign dictator, constantly phoning, demanding to meet me at night and sending me daily mail. Because I judge friendships in terms of mutual efforts to keep in touch, this means The Building and I are almost engaged.

On grouchy mornings I try to delay opening Building mail until after my morning tea. But one envelope in September begged to be read immediately. "Your Frank Zappa tickets are enclosed," it blasted at me in bright purple ink.

This seemed a bit trampy for my dear Building, but, like a strong whiff of cheap perfume, it did get my attention.

And it was not an empty come-on — the envelope contained two tickets to hear rock music icon Frank Zappa speak for UJA at a 7 a.m. breakfast at the Leah Posluns Theatre (next door to The Building and a favored rendezvous spot) the following week.

Can we talk? I have never listened to Frank Zappa's music, at least not willingly or sober. I laughed along with my parents when the Beatles first appeared on the Ed Sullivan show and, although I soon smartened up, I never hooked into any of the really heavy and weird rock groups that were in the vanguard of those times.

I trekked up to The Building before sunrise to hear Zappa because the whole idea was bizarre, like learning this last summer that Ringo Starr had become a grandfather — only more so.

The theatre lobby was packed with a 30-40ish crowd, chattering and giggling as it it was perfectly normal to have the eyeliner on straight by that hour. All of them of course knew that Zappa goes best with some form of illegal stimulant, but settled instead for sipping champagne and orange juice while munching on croissant.

Nearly everyone was wearing a suit — including the guest of honor. A friend of mine who was born just before Zappa's heyday spent his pre-lecture time counting the number of Yuppies wearing round glasses with thin red plastic rims. I noted at least two friends who had obviously won the battle with their wives over who would stay home to help the nanny in the morning and who would come to hear Frank.

We all got to call him "Frank" and he was coyly introduced as a middle-aged Italian father of four. His lecture topic (does it really matter?) was the rise of censorship in the U.S., especially regarding rock music and rock videos.

It's a hot topic, but, despite all the laughter when he gave examples of fairly benign lyrics that people want censored and despite the nostalgia that swept through the crowd at memories of other times and other parents upset by what children listened to or watched, I did not sense complete solidarity with Frank's views.

Perhaps this came out best during question period when he was asked how sex-and-violence in media relates to violence against women and children. If the sick people who commit these crimes were out making love instead of watching other people do it, the problem would be solved, he answered.

At least three beepers went off in people's suits during the lecture. I doubt if "make love, not war" is a sophisticated enough answer for people like that.

Kronick tradition deserves to be continued

By
J. B. SALSBERG

On Oct. 21 of this year, Gertrude Kronick, a member of one of Toronto's pioneer Jewish families, and the wife of the legendary Sam Kronick, passed away in the 90th year of her exemplary life.

J.B. Salsberg

This is an occasion that should cause us all to pause and reflect. Indeed, there is so much to be found in the lives of that couple of blessed memory that is worthy of appreciation and perpetuation that it would be inexcusable if we were not to examine it now even if only in the briefest fashion.

Gertrude (or Gerdy, as Sam was fond of calling her) was the daughter of the pioneer and community-minded family of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Willinsky of Toronto. Gertrude was the sister of the late Dr. A. I. Willinsky, one of the first group of Toronto Jewish physicians, who, after a considerable battle, gained the right to be the first Jew to practice surgery in Western Hospital. A brother, Bunny Willinsky, followed in his footsteps and also became a renowned physician.

Interesting also is a little known fact that, sheds much light on Jewish life of more than a century ago.

Meyer, Gertrude's father, left his East European home to seek his fortune in North America while his brother went to Africa to shape his future there. The two brothers corresponded with each other, but, as often happened, somehow lost track of each other.

After the Second World War Sir Roy Wilensky, the Prime Minister of Rhodesia, came to New York to address the newly-formed United Nations.

While watching the television report of the UN session Lila, one of Gertrude's four sisters who lived then in NY, was struck by the amazing likeness of Sir Roy with her brother A.I. A telephone call to the UN and Sir Roy confirmed the relationship. Yes, his father always spoke of his brother Meyer, with whom he had lost contact. There was a grand family reunion in New York to which, Gertrude, an outstanding cook, brought her favorite dishes all the way from Toronto. (In Rhodesia Willinsky became Wilensky.)

As for Gertrude's father, Meyer, he was one of the earliest Zionists in this country and his visit to Eretz Yisrael, after the First World War, was quite an event in Toronto Zionist circles.

Sam Kronick, who came to Toronto after living in Chicago for a few years, quickly became one of the most colorful, most unique and one of the most influential and respected personalities in Canadian Jewish life. Thoroughly imbued with the Zionist ideology it was only natural that he should meet and later marry Gertrude, of the Zionist-oriented Willinsky family. It was, as they say, a match from heaven. For only Gertrude's boundless patience, tact and love could make that union a lifelong success.

Sam Kronick was, in my estimation, a person of exemplary ethical integrity. He and his brother-in-law, Max Manson, built the largest millinery manufacturing firm in this country. Yet the millinery union relied on his integrity to arbitrate disputes with other manufacturers of that trade. (I should know, for I was the union spokesman for some years.)

Sam literally couldn't refuse financial assistance to his employees, to his former employees (even when they opened their own factories and thus became his competitors), to Jewish students who needed assistance and to Zionists, especially young ones, who prepared themselves for aliya. It is a fact (and from my viewpoint a monumental tribute) that when Sam's business had to be terminated (for health reasons) his major possession was a basketful of I.O.U.s that people had left with him. They were interest-free loans for one whose little grocery was in danger of being shut . . . for bringing ones family from Europe . . . for financing a wedding . . . for opening a business, etc., etc., etc.

But, above everything else, Sam was the only one among the Jewish community leaders who could castigate the rich who

Gertrude Kronick

didn't "give enough" in public and get away with it.

Sam Kronick, as the most visible of the Toronto Jewish leaders, was, of course, also the host to all the prominent world Zionist leaders when they visited the city. Though always designated as a "General Zionist" he was, nevertheless, close to the Poale Zionists (Labor Zionists) of his day because he admired their social visions for the dreamed-of Jewish state-to-be. In fact he financed a number of Young Poale Zionists who prepared themselves for migration to Palestine (as Eretz Yisrael was then called).

(There is more, considerably more to tell and it is a mitzvah, and also a duty, to relate it and to draw vital conclusions from the lives of Sam and Gertrude Kronick. We will, therefore, continue next week.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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EXCELLENT INTERVIEW

I'm writing to let you know how much I enjoyed reading Ron Csillag's excellent interview (Nov. 12) with Prof. Itzchak Parnas. From an objective viewpoint, I found the article very well written. Also, as a longtime acquaintance of Parnas, I found that his enthusiasm and sense of dynamism were very well conveyed.

Joe Alpert
Toronto

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THE REASON WHY . . .

Thanks for all the wonderful and informative features about successful, single Jewish men. I hope that you'll keep up the excellent series. It is the reason why I look forward to getting The CJN every week.

Latrina Goldfarb
Toronto

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J.B. Salsberg....never wasted, never dull.

STRAIGHT TO THE HEART

A couple of issues ago a reader reproached J. B. Salsberg in the Letters column for ". . . wasting his columns . . ." etc.

Consequently, I would like that reader to know that I — along with all readers of The CJN (minus one) — think that few columns go as closely to one's heart and penetrate as readily one's mind as do JB's columns.

May our good fortune continue to provide us with J. B. Salsberg's precious, educational columns.

Thus:
If a line was ever "wasted"
In JB's columns — never dull —
It was only when he hasted
Answering reader's empty skull.

Al DeVille
Toronto

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NOT DISCRIMINATION

In his column of Sept. 19 J. B. Salsberg stated that "it was discrimination on the part of our national TV to flash pictures of Jewish owners when they never do it with non-Jewish owners," referring to a plant which had closed in Quebec, leaving a number of workers without jobs.

Earlier in his column, JB stated that the TV news "flashed pictures of the new owners of that conglomerate" and who, according to the news report, were all Jews and who, as JB noted, "knew no more about the closure than you or I did."

How, then, can this be construed as discrimination? If it had been the old owners and the TV had emphasized that they were Jewish, that would have been quite different, such irrelevance being obviously anti-semitic and discriminatory. But how this could apply to the **new** escapes me entirely — unless, of course, JB intended to refer to the **old** owners (but who, nevertheless, were not identified in the news report as being Jewish).

Given the way JB reported the incident, I am glad he did not indicate which national TV network carried **that** news report, thus falsely implicating it in an anti-semitic and discriminating action.

Carl Birchard
Ottawa

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FROM THE FRYING PAN . . .

Any member of the Jewish community with the least contact with its educational system, fully appreciates the burden which it casts on our supporters.

But, in urging the Ontario government and the Supreme Court to support funding to Catholic schools and to all private schools, are we not jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Some spokesmen for the Jewish community would now welcome, throughout the breadth of our province, the setting up of schools of various religions and sects with public support. What would prevent dozens of other religions and sects from setting up their own schools with public support — schools to which no Jewish parents would have any input?

Not only is this a catastrophe for the public school which we Jews fought so hard to keep free of religious bias; it is a possible catastrophe for Jews and all other minorities. It is a betrayal of many allies who fought with us to keep the schools free of prejudice.

Surely there are better ways of meeting our needs than this step backward. Let us withdraw from this policy while there is still time.

Saul Cowan
Toronto

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HELP FROM THE ITALIANS

This is in reply to the letter by Mr. L. Alex in your Oct. 17 issue:

In 1941 our family was in Yugoslavia and after the Nazi invasion we fled to Italy. Not one, but a whole chain of Italians saved our lives by hiding us Jews, risking their own lives, for it was the death penalty for hiding Jews.

Whether it was a prominent family, Kubicek from Busto Arsizio, Salvatore Donati from Bologna or an unknown woman from Fiume, they all extended to us a helping hand at a time of utmost need.

Young montagnards from Madonna di Tirano brought our two daughters to Switzerland, risking their lives.

Till the present day a close friendship binds us to these wonderful people. Our Yugoslav friends have similar stories to tell. Therefore the presentation of GALPI (gratitude alla popolazione italiana) is only a small token of gratitude for what these brave people have done to save so many Jews during the German occupation in Italy.

Mr. Alex's knowledge of conditions in Italy in those days is insufficient, to say the least.

Ely Pick
Montreal

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NEED MORE EDUCATION

One can appreciate the belief and the hope expressed in The CJN editorial (Oct. 31) "Attitudes Change" that a rapprochement has taken place between Catholics and Jews. The declaration of the Second Vatican Council 20 years ago that Jews should not collectively be blamed for the death of Jesus was certainly a cause for optimism.

However the declaration of goodwill by Catholic officials needs to be followed by a campaign of education on the parish level to eradicate centuries of teaching a distorted image of the Jews.

This writer recently visited the Catholic Truth Society Book Centre of the Archdiocese of Toronto and discovered a number of disturbing examples of theological hate literature against the Jews. The space of a letter permits only one example.

The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus de Liguori is an extended, novelistic commentary on the gospel narrative. First published in English in 1927 with the imprimatur of Cardinal Hayes, this work was reprinted in an inexpensive, paperback, 1983 Holy Year edition. On page 444 one discovers the following passage:

Poor Jews! You then imprecated chastisement upon yourselves in saying, His Blood be upon us, and upon our children; and the chastisement has come: you now endure, you miserable men, and will endure, even to the end of the world, the penalty of that innocent blood.

Have attitudes changed? Not yet.

Morton Manilla
Toronto

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BROKEN ENGLISH

May I most respectfully suggest to you, sir, that The Canadian Jewish News supply its typesetter with a copy of New Webster's Word Divider.

From the above book your typesetter will learn something about word - breaking. In your issue of Oct. 31, the following words were wrongly broken.

Kah-ane's visit should read: Kaha-ne's visit. (see page 6).

Dep-orted — should read: de-ported. (see page 6).

Bet-ween — should read: be-tween (front page).

Promis-ed — should read: prom-ised (front page).

We Jewish people are, quite rightly, called the people of the book, and that includes grammar, needless to say.

Gerry G. Hamburg
Montreal

Editor's reply: *Our reader is quite right but word-breaking is a problem that's difficult to overcome technically because the words are broken by the computer — and have you ever tried to argue with a computer? Also, our narrow columns make life difficult, even for the computer.*

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LOOKING FOR CMT VICTIMS

I need your help in locating people in your area with an inherited progressively debilitating, neuro-muscular disorder called Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease or Peroneal Muscular Atrophy. For 40 years I have lived with this disease, not knowing anyone else with it and not being able to share the frustrations and worries I felt as the disease robbed me of my livelihood as a journalist and directed me toward a wheelchair and a whole new career working with people.

In August, 1984, I decided to find a few pen pals with CMT and that modest endeavor has turned into a full-fledged organization called CMT International, featuring a newsletter, a registry and a scholarship fund.

In finding more people with CMT we hope to attract and initiate more research in hope of eventually finding a cure or even a test that will tell CMTers wanting children if their offspring will be affected.

Anyone with the disease who would like to be counted in, or anyone in the helping professions interested in further information may write to me at: 34-B Bayview Dr., St. Catharines, Ont., L2N 4Y6.

Linda Crabtree
St. Catharines, Ont.

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World-National

Pugnacious Harry Blank running as independent

"Bumped" Quebec Liberal refuses to disappear

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

If it hadn't been for the Tasher Rebbe, a young lawyer named Harry Blank may never have embarked on what has thus far been a 25-year career as a member of the National Assembly.

Back in 1960, Quebec politics were not for the pristine. The governing Union Nationale party controlled the election apparatus and an unknown Liberal candidate had to scramble for every vote he could get.

Anyway, the story goes that on election day in 1960 polling station officials in St. Louis riding, knowing Blank could count on the support of most Jewish voters, decided to make it a little uncomfortable for some members of the community to exercise their democratic right.

When black-garbed chassidim came to vote, they were asked — all perfectly legal — to take the oath on the Christian Bible with its Old and New Testaments.

"The news soon reached me that chassidic Jews were walking away without voting. Around noon, I went over to see the Tasher Rebbe (F. Lowy). He immediately grasped the situation, quickly consulted his books and came up with an interpretation to the effect that affairs of the state take precedence in certain situations."

The Tasher chassidim obeyed their leader's word, and returned to the polls to vote, swearing on New Testaments. Their ballots may have been decisive; Blank won by a mere 101 votes — and only after a recount — out of some 40,000 cast.

Blank, now 60, who is running as an independent in the Dec. 2 provincial election after his nomination was overruled by Liberal leader Robert Bourassa, is full of such anecdotes from his long political life. His 25 consecutive years in the National Assembly is surpassed only by fellow Liberal Gerard-D. Levesque, who is in his 29th year, and equalled by Georges Vaillancourt of the Eastern Townships, also a Liberal.

Blank, however, does not want his eulogy written yet. He's in this, his eighth, election to win, and if he doesn't, well, he may write a book. There are a few "anecdotes" he has not told yet that he has up his sleeve if the need arises.

Blank has a whole dossier of correspondence backing up the propriety of his nomination as the Liberal candidate for St. Louis and the underhanded way, he alleges, the "backroom boys" of the party coerced Bourassa into dumping him.

On the wall of his office is a photo of Blank and Bourassa, arm in arm, under the title "Together-Ensemble" with the Liberal logo. It is signed by Bourassa, "To Harry, with 'la force de l'experience' and a precious collaborator." It's an invitation to the St. Louis Liberal nominating convention last month.

Underneath the pugnacious front, Blank is obviously wounded by Bourassa's supplanting him for a "star" candidate, the 35-year-old president of the Quebec Federation of Catholic School Commissions, Jacques Chagnon, in St. Louis. Blank is hurt by insinuations that he has been asleep on the backbenches for most of the last quarter-century and has done little for either St. Louis or the party, and it is time for new blood.

Blank can produce several back issues of the Journal des Debats, recording how many times he has spoken in the National Assembly and the wide variety of topics he has covered. In fact, he is one of the deputies the Liberals frequently call upon to lead a filibuster.

Blank was never a cabinet minister, but he was once deputy speaker. He was the Liberals' revenue critic during the last session.

Blank sees himself as having "tirelessly and courageously fought for the little guy," on the kind of issues that do not grab the headlines. "Nobody who has ever come to my constituency office, has not seen me personally."

There is no doubt Blank has strong personal ties to St. Louis, a sprawling downtown riding which cuts through Mount Royal on the north, touches the waterfront on the south, extends as far east as Sanguinet St. and has its western frontier on Atwater St. It's the heart and soul of Montreal.

Although the boundaries have changed over the years, Blank can claim to have been born, educated and lived all his life in St. Louis, except for an overseas stint with the army during World War II, returning after being wounded in action.

St. Louis was for many years the "Jewish" riding, taking in the old Jewish immigrant district where Blank grew up. St. Louis had not had a Jewish MNA since 1944, the last year Maurice Hartt sat in the National Assembly, when Blank was elected in 1960.

New Liberal leader Jean Lesage, who was swept into office in that election, handpicked Blank because he wanted a Jewish candidate in St. Louis, even though the Jewish population by then had dwindled to less than 10%.

According to the latest figures, less than 3,000 Jews out of a total population of 51,000 live in St. Louis. The demographic breakdown is 38% francophone, 34% anglophone and 28% ethnic, a fact which has helped secure St. Louis for the Liberals.

What has also not hurt Blank is that the population of St. Louis is highly transient. Well over 90% of the population are tenants and the turnover of residents is high. People can't get tired of him, Blank jokes.

Blank was Lesage's advisor on Jewish matters, even though the MNA claims he neither represented nor enjoyed the support of the Jewish "establishment" of Montreal. Blank was responsible in part for Jewish parochial high schools being accorded grants under the new Education Act. He personally spoke on behalf of some ultra-Orthodox schools which the government had been reluctant to fund.

He arranged grants for the first time to the Baron de Hirsch Institute, the main social service agency of the Jewish community. Jews obtained the right to sit on Protestant school boards in part because of Blank's bringing the whole Jewish education question into the spotlight.

Blank obtained income tax privileges for cantors who became recognized as clergymen and not just singers. Rabbis also become entitled to tax deductions for their homes even though they were not attached to synagogues. Passover bonuses were given to Jewish welfare recipients, similar those sent to others at Christmas, thanks to Blank's intervention.

Harry Blank

During his early years in office, the first Jewish provincial judge, Alan Gold, was appointed, as well as two Jewish municipal judges, Harry Aronovitch of Cote St. Luc and Maynard Golt of Pointe Claire. Jews were named to government commissions and bodies, notably the Superior Council of Education for the first time in the mid-60s.

Lesage, at Blank's suggestion, agreed that no elections of any type, including municipal and school board, were to be held on a Saturday anywhere in the province where Jews lived. Blank recalled the time the Montreal suburb of Dorval was about to hold city elections on a Saturday. Blank pointed out there were probably some Jews residing there.

Lesage asked the then mayor of Dorval how many "Israelites" (Lesage's favored term for Jews) lived in the town. Maybe five or 10 families was the reply. "No elections," the premier immediately decided.

Even after the Liberals were defeated, new Union Nationale premier Daniel Johnson sometimes called upon Blank for advice on the Jewish community.

Stereotypes about Jews, particularly negative ones, still abound in the National Assembly, says Blank. His fellow backbenchers "think every Jew is rich and tight. When I tell them one out of every six Jews lives below the poverty line, they look at me like I'm a mental case."

Blank denies that he saw the "writing on the wall" long before Bourassa made public his decision (upheld by chief electoral officer Pierre F. Cote) to ask him to step aside to allow Chagnon to run. The MNA claims Bourassa, still without a seat since being re-elected leader wanted to run himself in St. Louis and did not forgive Blank for not stepping down then.

Blank notes that he and John O'Gallagher, who was also asked by Bourassa to give up his West Island seat to make way for another francophone "star" candidate, Pierre MacDonald, were the only two anglophone MNAs who supported Bourassa throughout his 1983 leadership bid.

Blank was nominated by the St. Louis Liberal association Oct. 14 at a convention attended by about 200 persons. He even received a congratulatory letter from Bourassa dated Oct. 16. Although the chief electoral officer upheld the party leader's right to revoke a riding association's decision on a candidate, Blank's nomination papers were found to be perfectly valid, despite the party's initial attempts to disqualify him on that basis.

The MNA would not be intimidated. He warned Bourassa that he was making a grave mistake in ousting him and parachuting in a candidate. Running a francophone candidate in a safe, predominantly non-francophone Liberal riding gives the Parti Quebecois an open invitation to taunt that the party is afraid to present him to French-Canadian voters, according to Blank.

Blank says he has witnessed an "outpouring of support" from the people of St. Louis that encouraged him to run as an independent. As concrete proof, Blank raised the $24,000 he can spend on his campaign, half of which comes from the government and the other half he must find himself, within a couple of days of his announcement to run.

"L'Affaire Blank" has certainly been one of the most talked about aspects of an otherwise dull campaign. Reaction was mixed. Editorialists, particularly those of the francophone press such as Quebec City's Le Soleil and Le Devoir in Montreal, have shown some sympathy toward Blank's unceremonious dismissal after 25 years of loyalty.

The local Montreal weekly The Downtowner, which covers much of St. Louis, criticized Bourassa's clumsiness in handling the matter, waiting till after the nominating convention Oct. 14 to make a decision.

An editorial also notes that Chagnon does not live in the riding and, though he may be a catch among francophone Quebecers, he does not represent the predominantly anglophone and ethnic character of St. Louis.

Blank may also be able to capitalize on anglophones' not-forgotten dislike of Bourassa from past terms as premier, the editorial suggests. "Downtowners are uniquely lucky in this election. Mr. Blank's candidacy gives them an opportunity to do what the polls show many Quebecers would like to do — vote against the PQ without voting for Robert Bourassa."

Boro Park vandalism sparks serious concern

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Vandalism against Jewish-owned stores in the heavily Orthodox Boro Park section of Brooklyn recently aroused serious concern among community leaders, who believe it was a premeditated act of anti-semitism planned to coincide with the 47th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the destruction of Jewish property in Nazi Germany during the night of Nov. 8-9, 1938.

Rabbi Israel Steinberg, director of community relations of the New York State division of human rights, and a Boro Park resident, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the windows of 14 Jewish-owned or Jewish-identified shops were smashed with "heavy rocks" along a 10-block stretch of 13th Ave., the neighborhood shopping centre. Non-Jewish shops and businesses were untouched, he said. There was no graffiti or slogans.

The vandalism occurred between midnight Friday and 6 a.m. Saturday.

Steinberg said damage to the windows alone would amount to about $3,000. Merchandise was damaged but there were no thefts.

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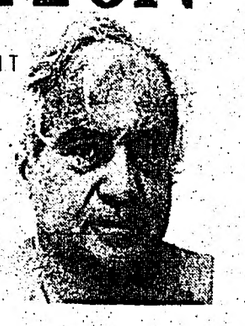

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Sharon's "clarifications" avert Israeli govt. crisis

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with Jordan while PLO offices remain in Amman.

Sharon, a hawk, set the crisis in motion with a blunt accusation that Peres was conducting secret negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians and following policies that would "cost a great deal of blood."

•Sharon charged that Peres had been holding secret talks with Jordan and Palestinians for the past seven months; and had already agreed to try to bring Syria into the discussions.

•He said that the Labor Party's "scorn and cynicism have already cost us much blood, and what is happening now will cost us even more blood."

•Sharon declared that Peres was indulging in "unparalleled cynicism..."

and was leading Israel "down a twisting road."

•He said Peres was guilty of "crooked sophistry" by leaving open the possibility of future talks with the PLO.

•Sharon said he had advised Peres not to engage Jordan in peace talks as long as the PLO maintained offices in Amman, and Peres had answered with "cynicism."

•He said Peres had endangered Israel's peace treaty with Egypt by having been "weak" in his response to the Oct. 5 slaying of seven Israeli tourists in the Sinai by a berserk Egyptian policeman.

After making his accusations, Peres formally notified the cabinet of his intention to dismiss Sharon. But he stopped short of actually handing him an official letter of dismissal. The dismissal notice would have taken effect in 48 hours if Sharon's Likud faction had not effectively pressured him into issuing a retraction.

Peres conferred with Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader who doubles as foreign minister and vice-premier, in the wake of his threat.

According to reports, Peres told Shamir that if Sharon could not accept the cabinet principle of collective responsibility, he should resign. He said that, under the circumstances, Shamir should have dismissed Sharon.

But Shamir, who is indebted to Sharon for his support at last year's Likud leadership race, refused to accede to Peres' request. In fact, Shamir warned Peres that Sharon's "unilateral" dismissal would "destroy" the shaky coalition government.

Meanwhile, Peres, in a demonstration of brinkmanship, whether genuine or not, toughened his stand. He demanded an apology within "a few hours" or "half a day," and proclaimed: "I am not prepared to leave the issue in doubt."

With the pressure mounting, Sharon offered a statement that was a cross between an apology and a self-justification.

As he put it: "I find it proper to clarify that if the words which I spoke were interpreted as a personal attack on the Prime Minister... I hereby express my apology.

"However, I stand on my opinion regarding the substantial issues."

Eventually, Sharon had to back down even further, but not to an extent where he had to recapitulate completely.

Sharon withdrew his accusation that Peres has held secret talks with the Arabs, and voiced his "regrets" for having said that Peres was leading Israel down a "twisted road" and endangering Israel's relationship with Egypt.

He also said he had not meant to imply that Peres' policies would result in bloodshed.

By all accounts, Peres did not want to engineer the downfall of the government, and he made that amply clear as the crisis intensified.

Peres said he feared that new elections "would stop the process of economic recovery," and could damage the peace process.

"I think that the two major political parties in Israel have no better alternative to maintaining the national unity government," he said. "I, personally, will do all I can to maintain (it)."

Shamir, too, was not keen about an election. He does not want to do anything that will deny him the Premiership next September. And recent polls tell him Likud would lose an election held now.

In the 1984 election, Labor won 44 seats, compared to Likud's 41. Since neither party could form a government, Peres and Shamir decided to combine forces in a national unity coalition.

Under their agreement, the Premiership will pass into Shamir's hands after 25 months, at which juncture Peres will assume his duties for a similar period of time.

Survey doesn't cause CIC alarm

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"really quite strange.

"Frankly, I don't believe (them)," Attewell told The CJN. "I find the numbers low."

If anything, he said he senses stronger awareness and support for Israel in Canada. "You can do a lot to load questions" on a poll of this nature, he said.

There were only two questions about the Mideast in the Decima poll: One asked, "Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important for Canada to take an interest in the Arab-Israeli dispute?"

Seventeen percent answered very important; 46% answered somewhat important; 21% said not very important and 17% answered not at all important.

The second question was for those who answered the first question in the top three categories. It asked what side Canada should take in the dispute.

Robert Eliott, head of the Middle East department at external affairs, told The CJN, "I suppose the government will take note" of the poll.

"But I would have thought that the finding that a fairminded approach was desired (by Canadians) would be music to the ears of the government."

Eliott said Canada "does not side with Israel," but rather "supports" Israel, just as it supports the moderate Arab states.

"Is that a problem?" he asked.

The poll surveyed 1,500 adult Canadians between July 9 and 16. Surveys of that size are considered accurate to within 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The poll was part of a larger survey that showed Canadians want world issues such as hunger, poverty and the arms race put ahead of free trade and other economic concerns.

Another funny conference

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —

The 2nd International Conference on Jewish Humor will be held June 9-12, in New York City. Papers are being invited from all disciplines.

The first conference on Jewish humor, at Tel Aviv University in June of 1984, included papers from fields as diverse as anthropology, cinema, linguistics, communications and folklore.

Topics proposed for the 1986 conference are TV, Movies and Jewish Humor; Jewish Humor in Israel; Jewish Satire; Jewish Authors As Humorists; The Graphic Expressions of Humor: Cartoon and Caricature in Israel and the Diaspora, and many more.

The conference will again be under auspices of Tel Aviv University, and will be hosted by the New School of Social Research.

The stated aim is "to bring together people interested in a better understanding of humor in general, and Jewish humor in particular."

Prof. Avner Ziv

At the first conference scholars from various countries presented a total of 56 papers. It was that conference that prompted the sponsors to establish such a meeting on a bi-annual basis. The locale is to alternate between Israel and the Diaspora.

An exhibition of original Israeli cartoons — Humor in Israel — will be part of the conference program. On the provincial list of guest speakers for the plenary sessions are Art Buchwald, Alan King, Leo Rosten and Ephraim Kishon. Kishon was the main speaker at the last conference, and his presentation was a smashing success.

The conference will be open to the general public, as well as to academics.

Further information about submitting papers, or about the program, can be obtained by writing to Prof. Avner Ziv, c/o International Ltd., PO Box 29313, Tel Aviv, Israel, 61292.

Protesters stop Hitler T-shirt sale in New York

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A Veterans Day demonstration held outside a store in Times Square has convinced the store's owner to stop selling T-shirts featuring the image and "accomplishments" of Adolf Hitler.

The shirts were emblazoned with the words "Adolf Hitler Euorpean Tour 1938-1945." On it were a list of countries and the dates that were invaded by Nazi Germany in World War II, and a picture of Hitler sporting a swastika and doing the Nazi salute in front of a map of Europe.

The protest was conducted by members of the Generation After, a New York-based organization founded by children of Holocaust survivors, with the backing of the World Jewish Congress. After the owner and his attorney conferred with counsel for the WJC, the prominently displayed T-shirt was removed from sale and the 2-hour demonstration came to an end.

Following the New York City protest, the WJC contacted the shirts' Florida-based national distributor, who agreed to discontinue the item.

The Canadian Jewish Congress recently succeeded in persuading a Toronto retailer to cease selling the same "Hitler" shirt.

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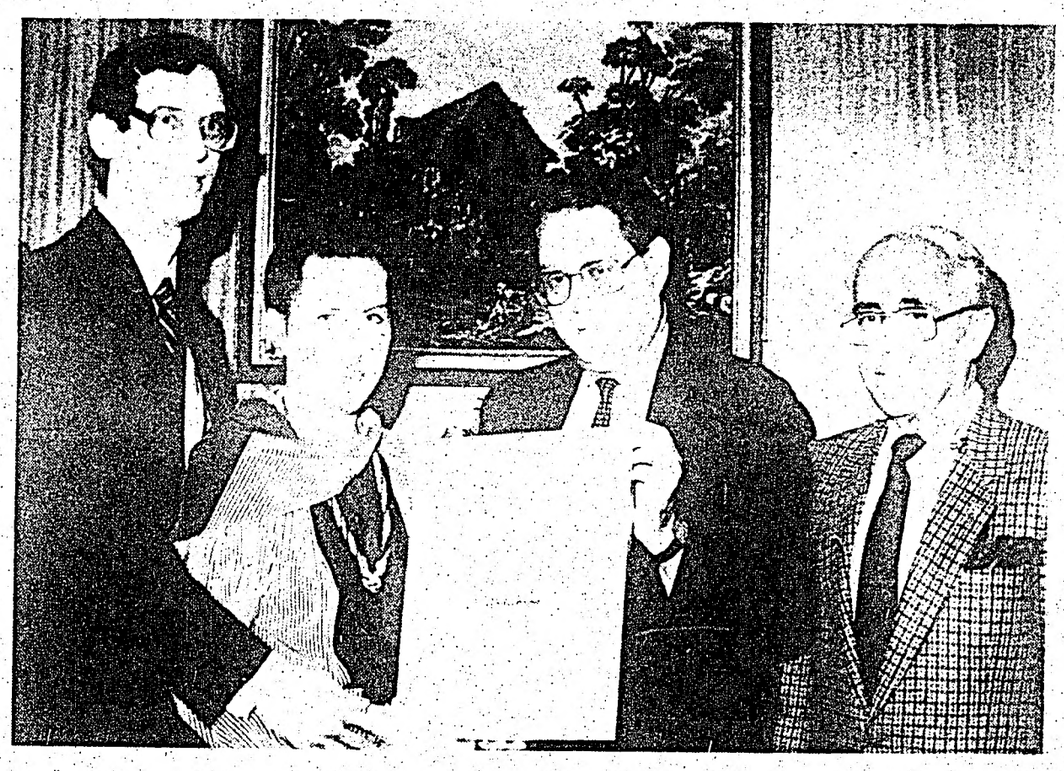
Eugene and Mara Katz received the State of Israel Bonds Negev Award at a Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith dinner dance held in their honor for extraordinary involvement in helping Russian Jewry and their contributions in B'nai B'rith endeavors. From left to right are Dave Schneer, Yorkdale president; Eugene and Mara Katz, Jacques Torczyner, World Zionist leader and guest speaker of the evening; Sigmund Reiser, and Michael Rosenberg, dinner chaiman. [Marie Josee Crete photo]



BONDS AWARD TO KRONIS'

Jules Kronis and his wife Fran (left) receive the State of Israel Bonds Award of Honor for hosting a cocktail reception for the B'nai B'rith Canade Toronto Regional Council 1985 honoree, Barbara McDougall, minister of state for finance. Making the presentation is Dr. Gerald Meister, guest speaker, and Ralph Snow (right). Kronis and Snow are steering committee chairmen for the event which will take place Nov. 21 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

KINGSTON MEETING

At the community wide meeting of the Kingston annual United Israel Appeal campaign with special guest, entertainer Robert Clary (second left) are (left to right) Cheryl Kisell, co-chairman women's campaign; Shirley Abramsky, co-chairman women's campaign and Mort German, chairman men's campaign.

Friday, Nov. 22

AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, senior rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation, will preach at Holy Blossom Temple, on Friday, Nov. 22, at 8.30 p.m. His topic will be The Magnificent Obsession.

Saturday, Nov. 23

KING DAVID CONGREGATION

King David Congregation is holding a Shabbat morning service on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 9.30 a.m. Service is conducted by **Rabbi Meir Gottesman**. Children are welcome.

The congregation meets at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute auditorium, 730 Eglinton Ave W.

CHAT REUNION

The alumni committee of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto [CHAT] is holding a silver anniversary reunion on Saturday, Nov. 23. Come out and meet former friends, teachers and principals for an evening of music and entertainment. The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For more information call **Tina Pupko-Lax**, at 636-2751 or **Steve Jakubowicz**, at 636-6305.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed is a new congregation that is being formed to recapture the feeling of commitment which people seek when becoming part of a Jewish community.

Join the congregation on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 9.30 a.m. for Shabbat morning service. The service is traditional with participation by both men and women in davening and Torah readings. Babysitting is available. It takes place at 249 Forest Hill Rd. RSVP by calling 782-8576.

The second lecture in the series Towards a Theology of the Jewish Family, takes place Thursday, Nov. 28 at 8.30 p.m. with **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**. This is for adults only.

A Chanukah party is planned for Dec. 7. Details to follow.

ABOUT TEL HASHOMER HOSPITAL

Come learn about the hospital of the Israeli soldier, its story and its continuing drama, on Saturday, Nov. 23, when **Dr. Gidi Koren** of Tel Hashomer Hospital, Israel (formerly Chaim Sheba Medical Centre), will speak. There will be a movie, followed by a discussion, the time is 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue.

KINGSTON SYNAGOGUE

Kingston's Iyr Ha-Melech Congregation celebrates its 10th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 23, with an evening gathering and potluck supper at the home of **Michael and Bunny Singer**, 36 Florence St. Festivities begin at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24

BAZAAR SUNDAY

Over 20,000 shoppers are again expected to bring their holiday gift lists to the Pioneer Women Na'amat Bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga. Bring the entire family; there is something for everyone — a mammoth auction, Monte Carlo, beer garden, kiddies' carnival, ethnic and Canadian foods and a hundred mini shops with thousands of new items for sale.

Admission is $2, including a chance at the door prize, a 1986 Dodge Aries car. Children under 12 admitted free.

DIALOGUE IN PLACE OF VIOLENCE

A program on Israel, entitled Dialogue in Place of Violence: An Israeli Arab and an Israeli Jew Speak Out, is set for Sunday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, Philip Smith Congregational Hall. Speakers are **Rafik Halabi**, an Israeli Arab, journalist, editor and author of The West Bank Story, and **Moshe Halbertal**, rabbi and co-founder of Netivot Shalom, a religious peace group.

The evening is sponsored by The New Israel Fund. Admission is free and there will be no solicitations.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

The Toronto Jewish Media Centre invites you to join the Toronto Jewish Film Society on Sunday, Nov. 24, for the screening of the films The Great Dictator and Sosua. Showings take place at 7.30 p.m. in room 313 of the Lipa Green building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Screenings will be preceded and followed by discussion. Admission is by membership only. For information call 635-2883, ext. 151.

SOMETHING FUR YOU

The Women's Auxiliary at Baycrest Centre is holding a Something Fur You sale on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the assembly room of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The sale will feature new and gently used fur coats, jackets, stoles and fur accessories.

Proceeds of the sale will go toward the care of residents who require special nursing attention. Admission is free.

SHALOM DISARMAMENT GROUP

At a general meeting of the Shalom Disarmament Group on Sunday, Nov. 24, **Robert Penner**, co-ordinator for Toronto Disarmament Network, will speak on Future Directions of the Canadian Peace Movement. The time is 7.30 p.m., at 30 Park Hill Rd.

For information, call **Linda**, 889-0688.

GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

Adath Sholom Sisterhood's annual gift and craft show runs on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and again on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. You'll find a fine selection of candy trees, gift baskets, Chanukah items, handbags, jewelry and lucite ware.

All proceeds go to synagogue and sisterhood projects.

BARBARA McDOUGALL TO SPEAK

Barbara McDougall, minister of state for finance, will be the guest speaker at the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 24. Services are at 9.30 a.m., followed by breakfast and then the speaker at 10.30 a.m.

Alderman Ben Nobleman is chairman, and **Harry Goldstein** is co-chairman.

WHO IS A JEW

On Sunday, Nov. 24, **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet** will speak on Who Is Jew, at a meeting sponsored by Hebrew University Alumni of Canada. All alumni and friends are welcome to join in this 2nd anniversary lecture, which will take place at 7.30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. There is no admisson charge, and refreshments will be served.

For further information call 789-2633.

TORONTO FILM NOW

The second program of Toronto Film Now, a Sunday afternoon film series showcasing local independent and art film productions, is set for Sunday, Nov. 24.

The four films to be screened look back at Jewish heritage in a dramatic or historical context. They are **Derek Rogers'** dramatic My Reuven and Harmony, **Susan Morry's** personal documentary, Leah, and **David Troster's** hour-long documentary, Spadina.

The time is 2.30 p.m., at the Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. Admission is $2 for festival cinema members, $3 non-members.

Monday, Nov. 25

SELF-HELP FOR DIABETICS

Jewish people with diabetes are invited to attend a meeting of a self-help group being formed with the Toronto branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association, on Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St.

Jewish people with diabetes have special concerns, such as Shabbat yom tov meals, Passover, eating at weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs and fasting on Yom Kippur. There may also be a need for emotional support.

To register, call **Esther Schwartz**, at 782-2176.

WINTER SALE

A Winter Sale, sponsored by Ashkelon and Herzliah chapters of Toronto Women's ORT, takes place Monday, Nov.25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., At Earl Bales Community Centre. A wide assortment of comforters, sleeping bags, gently used clothing, books, housewares and bargains galore, will be featured. Admission is free.

For information call the ORT office, 787-0297.

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ALJS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit discussion group, meets on Monday, Nov. 25, at 7.30 p.m. at Forest Hill Public Library Building, 666 Eglinton Ave. West.

The subject will be Hermann Cohen's Modern Approach to Judaism. This is part of the general theme for this season, Other Modern Approaches to Judaism.

The discussion will be led by **Rabbi Reuben Slonim**, president, **Felix Eckstein**, secretary. Your questions and comments are important. Everyone is welcome.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario is holding a general meeting on Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., at the Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd. The guest speaker will be **Eleanor Leggat**, physiotherapist. Her topic will be Relaxed Breathing Techniques and Exercise-Induced Asthma.

For further information, call **Elaine Rose**, at 881-8416. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

SHAARE ZEDEK WOMEN

The Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation is holding a general meeting for members and prospective members, on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Thornhill home of **Susan Cohen**. Special guest **Selma Sage** will offer Reflections on Nairobi.

Mrs. Sage attended the UN End of Decade Women's Conference in the African city this summer, and will discuss the meeting as it affected the Israeli and Diaspora delegates.

Boutiques of pre-Chanukah gifts will be featured, and refreshments will be served. For information, call 781-3584.

A CHAGALL FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, Adath Israel Sisterhood and Eden Fine Arts Gallery, present A Chagall Festival, featuring **Harry Rasky's** film, Homage to Chagall: The Colors of Love, narrated by **James Mason**, with introductory remarks by **Gary Ship**, director Eden Fine Arts. There will also be a display of original hand-signed limited edition art works by **Marc Chagall** as well as a collection of Chagall art books.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Admission is $3 per person. Refreshments will be served.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's fall Institute of Jewish Studies, with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m., with The World of Business and Ethics - A Contradiction in Terms? Everyone welcome.

For information call 787-1631.

WADDINGTON TO SPEAK

At the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood Luncheon, 12.15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26, **Miriam Waddington** will review **Chaim Potok's** latest book, Davita's Harp. Miss Waddington is an artist, poet, scholar, critic and professor of English and Canadian literature at York University.

This luncheon is by reservation only. Call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** at 633-7190.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 8.15 p.m. in the board room of the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. The study portion will be Hosea, chapter 7 and 8, with **Prof. Libby Garshowitz**.

The group is operated under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. For further information, telephone 635-2883, ext. 151.

CREATIVE CRAFT NIGHT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to a Creative Craft Night on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Knitting, embroidery, crocheting and Judaie items will be featured. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

SAFE DRIVING

A presentation on Safe Driving, jointly sponsored by Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, The Church of the Good Shepherd and The Ontario Motor League, is being given on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 8 to 10.30 p.m., at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. program includes talk, films and audience participation. Admission is free.

This is for drivers 17 years of age and up.

JDF ROLLS-ROYCE RAFFLE

Soul and jazz musician **Ray Charles** will be in Toronto on Tuesday, Nov. 26, to perform at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. He will be giving two concerts for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's Rolls-Royce Raffle Gala Evening.

The first concert, at 7.30 p.m., will be for patrons of the $200 a plate Silver Spirit dinner. The second performance will be for those who purchased tickets at $25, $35 or $50. Tickets can be purchased by calling any Ticketron outlet in Ontario. The number to call is 872-1212.

FACTS & FALLACIES OF FASTING

Facts and Fallacies of Fasting is the topic of the lecture to be given by **Dr. Ron Cridland** at a meeting sponsored by the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Toronto chapter. It takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Education building, 155 College St. 6th floor auditorium.

For registration and book browsing, you are invited to arrive at 7.30 p.m. Charge is $3.50 members, $5 non-members and $2 for students and senior citizens.

PEOPLE POLITICS

Ralph Garber, dean of social work, University of Toronto, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, Nov. 26, meeting of the Toronto Association for Professionals in Jewish Communal Service taking place at noon at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. His topic will be People Politics . . . Risks and Realities. Lunch is $5 and the program, which begins at 12.30 p.m., is free for members, $3 for non-members.

Ralph Garber

For reservations and further information, call **Bernie Shoub**, president, at 633-7770.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

BOOK LAUNCHING

To honor the publication of **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg's** 17th book, Beth Torah Congregation, in association with Oxford University Press, invites the community to a book lauching of his newest volume, Christians and Jews: The Eternal Bond (with a foreward by **Father Theodore Hesburgh**, president of the University of Notre Dame). The event takes place at the synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave., on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. A coffee hour follows.

Guest speakers include **Kenneth Bagnell**, United Church minister and editor; **Rabbi Bernard Baskin**, Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton, and The CJN book reviewer; **Rev. Richard Jones**, former president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and **Pete McGarvey**, CKEY broadcaster.

BINGO NIGHT

Chaverim Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada (ages 25-35), invites you to the annual bingo night on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8.15 p.m. For fun, food, friendship and prizes, call **Reva** at 633-9859.

LIBERAL/NDP ACCORD

Liberal/NDP Accord - Is it Good for Ontario? is what **MPP Ross McLellan**, NDP house leader and health critic, will be discussing at the the New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The time is 8.30 p.m. at the NFJA centre, 120 Overbrook Place, suite 107.

The public is invited and admission is free.

SELF-HELP WIDOWERS GROUP

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Group for men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Howard Weiss**.

For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2269.

INTERMARRIAGE CRISIS

If you are a concerned parent, relative or friend and would like to stop intermarriage, take note that on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m., a seminar for dealing with the prevention of the emotional issue of intermarriage will be conducted by a staff of trained educators. It takes place at 296A Wilson Ave. (west of Bathurst).

For more information, call 785-3333 evenings.

ABOUT ILEITIS & COLITIS

The Canadian Foundation of Ileitis and Colitis, North York Chapter, is holding an educational meeting entitled A Positive View of Crohn's and Colitis on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. at North York Branson Hospital, main auditorium, 555 Finch Ave. W. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Allan Hart**, gastroenterologist, North York General Hospital.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

MARKHAM-UNIONVILLE BBW

The Markham-Unionville B'nai B'rith Women meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m., will focus on Adopting a Soviet Refusenik. New members are welcome.

For details, contact the president, **Barbara Sklar** at 477-1906.

And What Else Is New . . .

B'NAI SHALOM EVENTS

B'nai Shalom Congregation's second annual Chanukah Ball is set for Saturday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. in Garnet Williams Community Centre, 501 Clarke Ave. W., Thornhill. It will feature live entertainment by **Danny Pollack** and his Select Band, a hot buffet dinner and door prize draw. Cost is $25 per person. For tickets phone 731-2797.

You are invited to attend a Children's Chanukah Concert with **Sandy Offenheim** and Family, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. at Westminster Public School, 366 Mullen Dr. There will be door prizes and free refreshments. Tickets, $4 per person, are available at the school on Sundays, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 and 8, from 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, and Thursdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m.

CAMP SHOMRIA OPEN HOUSE

Camp Shomria, a camp with the accent on Israel, is hosting its first open house this year on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at 406 Rushton Rd. If you are interested in sending your child to a camp this coming season and have not decided on your choice, then don't miss this chance to get a closer look at the camp.

There will be a video presentation as well as information provided by the camp director. Refreshments will be served.

To inquire further call **Yigal** at 736-1339.

MONTE CARLO & CARNIVAL NIGHT

Come out for lots of fun, games, prizes and refreshments at Shaarei-Beth El Congregation's Monte Carlo and Carnival Night, Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville. Admission is $9 per couple members, $11 non-members. RSVP by calling **Bruce**, 336-2817 or **Deborah**, 335-9973.

WOMEN'S SHIURIM

Bais Medrash N'Siv Olam announces a series of three shiurim for women on Hilchos Shabbos. They will be given on consecutive Wednesdays beginning Nov. 20 promptly at 8.45 p.m.

Shiurim will be given by **Rabbi Reuven Silver** at the Bais Hamedrash, 2837 Bathurst St. (just south of Glengrove). Admission is free. For further information call 782-5986.

ISRAELI CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL 85

Israeli Chassidic Festival 85 goes on stage at Adath Israel Synagogue on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets at $16, $13 and $10 are available from **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** or by mailing checks to the shul office, marked to the cantor's attention and payable to Israel Chassidic Festival.

HILLEL-JSU EVENTS

Here's a list of events planned by Hillel-Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto, for the coming week —

Saturday, Nov. 23 — As part of Jewish Book Fair, **Mark Breslin** will speak on Why Jews Aren't Funny Anymore at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., at 8 p.m. Cost for lecture and reception is $6. Tickets are available at the JSU office.

Donna Finkelstein, assistant administrator, Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry, will speak on Ethiopian Jews and the video, On Wings of Eagles, which will be viewed. The time is 8 p.m. in the Sidney Smith Building, Room 2108, 100 St. George St.

For information, call JSU at 923-9861.

WORKSHOP FOR SURVIVORS

A workshop for Holocaust survivors and children of survivors is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. It will be conducted by **Doris Strub Epstein** and **Dr. Henry Fenigstein**, under the auspices of the Canadian Centre for Studies of the Holocaust and Genocide.

The purpose is to explore the impact of the Holocaust on the survivors and their families. To register, call 787-5331.

GROUCHO

Groucho, presented by Leah Posluns Theatre and Stage West, previews at the Leah Posluns Wednesday, Nov. 27, and then opens on the 28th for a run through to Dec. 21.

This producion is written and directed by **Arthur Marx** (Groucho's son) in collaboration with **Robert Fisher**. **Eddie Mekka** is Groucho with **Bryan J. Finkelstein** recreating the characters of both Harpo and Chico, and **Delyse Lively** playing all the female roles.

Tickets for weeknights are $12 for adults, $7.50 for students and seniors. Sunday matinee is $7.50 for everyone and Saturday evening is $14. For tickets, call 630-6752 or any Bass outlet.

FAMILY TOUR TO ISRAEL

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO will be conducting a family tour to Israel Dec. 23 to Jan. 6, led by **Taube Zeifman**. For an opportunity to see Israel through your children's eyes, phone the Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

CAN YOU HELP?

The children at Centennial Infant and Child Care Centre need your help!

Volunteers work on a one-to-one basis with developmentally delayed infants and toddlers during the morning program, located near Yonge and Eglinton. Four infants are waiting to begin in January when more help is available.

If you have an interest in working with preschool children and are able to give one morning a week to a volunteer commitment, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

DAY CARE CENTRE

A mall-front day care centre in Thornhill Square will be opening in January. Limited space for infants through school-age children is now available and a waiting list is being compiled. The centre will offer Hebrew and French exposure and small teacher-children ratios. The centre is affiliated with Am Echad Congregation. Call 731-8458 for information.

for seniors

The JCC Singers group was invited back, after the success of the June performance, to Habonim Congregation to be part of its Kristallnacht (Crystal Night) memorial service on Nov. 10. The program included Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs. New members were singing with the group for the first time in concert, under the direction of singer-conductor **Esther Ghan-Firestone**, accompanied by **Sara Barkin Sandler** at the piano. If you feel like adding this rewarding activity to your leisure schedule, join the rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30-11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, Room 221, 4588 Bathurst St.....The group offers its services to seniors homes, hospitals and communal functions and bookings are being taken for the 1986-87 season. For information, call the president **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468 or program manager **Hilda Kurin** at 633-8475.

Jubilee Club of Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., invites you to a Chanukah luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 12.30 p.m. The **Roth Family** of musicians, returning for an afternoon of music, singing and dancing, will add to the frelich festivities. Plan to attend the luncheon party. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $5 Jubilee members, $6 guests. Prepaid reservations are absolutely necessary. Call 665-1768 or 667-0599.....The club is having an anniversary dinner and dance on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 6.30 p.m. Did you make your reservations? Call the above numbers.

Join **Club Chaverim** for lunch followed by a lively afternoon of musical entertainment with singer **Betty Klimitz** on Monday, Nov. 25, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Lunch begins at 12.30 p.m. Please reserve by noon. The cost for lunch is $1.25. The afternoon program begins at 1.30. Charge is 50¢ members, 75¢ non-members. For information, call 889-0813.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 1.30 p.m. **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** presents **Rabbi Steven Garten**, who will speak on Changes in Jewish Education.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has ar-

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NEW APPROACH

The Jewish Community Centre is developing a new approach to marketing its products. Marv Fagan (left), public relations chairman, and Herb Belman, membership chairman, have been working to create innovative programs for the JCC. One of these programs is the 20% discount for new members, or for current members, or for current members who introduce a new member to the JCC by Nov. 30. For further information, call membership director Frances Adler at 636-1880.

Organizations and People

What's New

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ranged for your entertainment, three outstanding musicals — on Dec. 4 at the Tellers Cage, A for Alice, featuring **Beth Ann Cole**; on Dec. 8 at Variety Dinner Theatre, A Day on Broadway, A Night in the Ukraine with **Catherine McKinnon** (arrangements are for the musical only, minus the dinner), and on Jan. 22 at the Bayview Theatre, The Desert Song, a never-ending favorite. Make your reservations early for these terrific shows.....The trip to the Sassoon Hotel in Miami is still available and can be paid in Canadian funds. For information, call **Ruth** at 224-5923 or **Lena** at 782-2262.

Bingo with prizes galore is the Tuesday, Nov. 26, program of **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50**. Refreshments and coffee will be served. The time is 1.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The charge for non-members is $1.50.

Beth Sholom Seniors general meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7.30 p.m., features the musical group Living Flame. For information, call **Irma Kosinec** at 787-2328.

The residents of Parkview House, a co-operative seniors residence, are trying to raise funds for entertainment activities such as trips, parties, socials and holiday celebrations. A rummage sale is planned for Sunday, Nov. 24, and Monday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6101 Bathurst St. (between Dewlane and Steeles).

Workman's Circle Social Club Plus 50 meets for lunch with entertainment by musician **Leo Rock** on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Remember that the final payment for the Miami trip must be made at this meeting. For information call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

At the **Wagman Centre** — 60 and Holding, a 10-session nutrition counseling and weight reduction program, starts Monday, Nov. 25, at 9.30 a.m. or Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7.30 p.m. The fee is $25 for Wagman Centre members, $35 non-members. For information and registration call 789-5131, ext. 413.....A musical evening with well known artists opera singer dramatic soprano **Rose Lovas** and concert pianist **Lola Julitta Kane**, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The Wagman Centre is located at 55 Ameer Ave.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is holding a late fall dance complete with live band and a raffle, on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 8 - 11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Sheppard and Bathurst). Admission is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

Refreshments will be available.....An installation and general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at the centre. Make sure to attend this meeting. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments and entertainment. For information about both programs call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone no. is 225-2112.

The Atkinson College lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 10.30 a.m., presents **Prof. Harry Leith**, of the department of natural science, York University, in a talk on Halley's Comet. This is free and open to the public.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Nov. 27 at 1.30 p.m. welcomes back well-known singer **Nancy Anderson**. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

The candlelight dinner and concert on Wednesday, Nov. 27, features the North York Concert Orchestra. Fee for dinner and show (members only) is $5.50, for the show only, $1 for members and $1.50 for non-members. Dinner is at 5.45 p.m. and the concert is at 7.

Public Health Education series with nurse **Judy Johnson**, will focus on Osteoporosis on Thursday, Nov. 21 and Ease the Burden on Your Heart on Thursday, Nov. 28. Lecture time is 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. There is no charge.

A representative of the Metropolitan Toronto District of the Canadian Cancer Society will speak on and demonstrate Breast Self-Examination, Thursday, Nov. 28 1.30 to 3 p.m. A film and/or slides will be shown. Admission is free for members, non-members $1.

Sunday afternoon program on Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. features young pianist **Leo Marchildon**.

The Sunday dance on Nov. 24 with the music of the Creative band starts off at 7.30 p.m. Charge is members, $2 (be sure to bring your membership card), guests $2.50.

Over 55 and on your own? Come to the opening meeting of the Friendship Circle to help the group plan a future. The get-acquainted night is set for Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. and will feature a discussion on This is the Time of Your Life. Be a guest on the first night with the group. Fee for members is $1. For information, phone **Norma** or **Michelle** at 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is offering a computer course for seniors. Make friends with a Commadore 64 and enjoy the challenge of the "hands on" experience. Sign up now for the course, which begins Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 1.30-3.30 p.m. with **Barbara Ronson**, a qualified computer teacher with the North York Board of Education. There are eight classes in a term with a maximum of 16 students in a class. The fee is $15 (for materials only) for seniors. This is open to the community.

The LLI's Musical Appreciation series presents How Did it Sound to Beethoven on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 1.30 p.m. Different composers hear different sounds and this 60-minute film is the story of the change of piano sounds over 250 years. There is no charge for members, $1 for non-members.

at the jcc

The Task Force on Jewish Persons with Disabilities is presenting **Michael Hirshberg**, karate expert and teacher, who will conduct a clinic demonstrating self-defence techniques for people with a wide variety of handicaps. This program is a hands-on workshop where individuals can learn a variety of ways to defend themselves in dangerous situations.

It takes place Sunday, Dec. 1, at 7.30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch, Room 101-102, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost is $2 members, $4 non-members. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call **Helen Wolfe** at 636-1880, ext. 239. (TTY 636-5510).

The Leah Posluns Theatre School is accepting registration for January classes in Creative Drama for children 7-9 and 10-13 years of age. Classes will cover theatre games, improvisation, voice, movement, story theatre and basic acting technique. Also offered is a comprehensive range of adult courses, novice to professional levels.

Directing, Scriptwriting, Acting Technique, Improvisation, The Workshop for Experienced Actors and the Backstage Workshop may be taken for Seneca College credit. Call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271 for more information.

Professionalize Yourself is an intensive theatre workshop for lawyers, executives and managers designed to develop confidence, image, style and communicative skills. Instructor is teacher-director **Tom Diamond**. The 10-session course will run on Wednesday and Sunday from 7-10 p.m. beginning Jan. 12. The fee is $180. Call the 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271, for more information.

How to Cut Costs and Achieve Better Quality When Buying Meat is the subject of the Topics Unlimited lecture on Monday, Nov. 25, at the JCC northern branch. The speaker is **David Brown**, Ask the Butcher columnist. The lecture is at 1 p.m. and is offered through the adult program department. Admission is $1 at the door. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880.

The early childhood services department is holding its annual gift sale on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the JCC northern branch. This year the sale has grown to accommodate over 30 vendors. Don't miss this opportunity to begin your holiday shopping. Admission is free. For further information, call **Rona Kaushansky** at 636-1880, ext. 229.

Bring the New Year in with a bang! The JCC N/E Valley branch is having a Midnight Munch New Year's Eve party. Festivities begin at 9 p.m. with a live band playing all night long. A full dessert buffet will be served until midnight and a cash bar will be available all evening. At midnight, breakfast and champagne will be served. The cost is $30 per person. Tickets are available at the N/E Valley office and are payable by Dec. 7. This promises to be an evening not to be forgotten. For information, call **Michael, Jodi** or **Rose** at 889-0813.

N/E Valley JCC is having the annual family Chanukah open house on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 2-4 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Enjoy an afternoon of holiday crafts, menorah lighting and latkes for the whole family. Admission for members is $5 per family and for non-members it is $7 per family. For information, call the office at 889-0813.

JCC Valley Ski Club is holding a wine and cheese open house on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7.30 p.m. at the N/E Valley, 7015 Leslie St. If you are a downhill or cross-country skier, come out and learn about an exciting ski and social season. For information, call **Jodi** at 889-0813.

Couples Over 40 group invites you to a special musical Chanukah celebration on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. It will be a musical trivia program and dance with a live band, great prizes, fun with good friends and lots of latkes to eat. The fee is $15 per couple (a $5 deposit is required by Dec. 1, made payable to **Bettie Raibmon**.

SAJAC (South African Jewish Association of Canada) annual general meeting is set for Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2.30 p.m. at the N/E Valley branch. Guest speaker will be SAJAC chairman **Leonard Rubenstein**, a TV host and lecturer, whose subject will be Take Charge of Your Life.

singles

Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents' Group has arranged a dinner theatre night for Thursday, Dec. 5, featuring the Broadway hit, A Chorus Line, at the Limelight Theatre, 2026 Yonge St. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the show following. The complete show and dinner package costs $27.95. RSVP by calling **James Casquenette** at 485-9911.

Jeff Perlmutter invites you to a Winter Singles Bash on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8.30 p.m. at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair at Yonge). Cover is $5. Door prize is a dinner for two at Le Connaisseur. This is a party that goes on no matter what kind of weather.

B'nai B'rith Co-ed Singles Lodge (Atideynu) — Can you tell a strike from a spare? No? Then why not find out by coming out to bowling any Wednesday evening at 9.30 at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. For more details, call **Steve** at 489-2692. New members are welcome.

Metro Toronto Singles presents The Birthday Party at Rooney's (two blocks south of St. Clair at Yonge) on Monday, Nov. 25. There will be a speaker on The Art of Persuasion from 7.30-9 p.m., followed by the party. The price of $5.50 includes birthday cake.

Interested in having a good time and meeting single people ages 20-40? Then help **Solelim** celebrate at its 3rd anniversary dance on Saturday, Nov. 23, starting at 8 p.m. A disc jockey and refreshments will be featured in Temple Sinai's social hall at 210 Wilson Ave. (just east of Bathurst). Casual dress, but no jeans, please. Admission is $6 at the door, $1 off before 9 p.m.

Holiday baby boom

JERUSALEM —

Every year, around Yom Kippur, a strange thing happens at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center. The average daily birth record at the hospital increases from 10-15 to many, many more.

This year, there was a bonanza — 44 births in two days, with 100 babies overflowing the maternity department. It was so crowded that a pair of twins had to share a crib — one at each end.

According to Shaare Zedek doctors who've done research on the subject, fasting brings on contractions by changing the biochemical composition of the blood. From experience, Shaare Zedek has learned to be prepared for a major influx of maternity cases at this time of year and the staff is always happy to have this department filled to capacity.

More than half the babies born in Jerusalem begin their lives at Shaare Zedek. With an average annual total of close to 4,500 births, Shaare Zedek's maternity department is never at a loss for occupants.

Les anciens élèves de
l'Alliance Israelite Universelle de Tanger (A.I.U.)
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sa femme, enfants, petit enfants,
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PICKING UP THE PIECES
Separation & Divorce - What About The Children?

Jewish Family and Child Service offers a program to help you and your children adjust to the stress associated with separation and divorce.

The program consists of a six-session series of groups for children 8-12 years, adolescents 13-18 years and groups for their parents.

Dates:
Winter program to begin the week of January 20, 1986.

Time:
Evening groups for parents. After school groups for children.

Location:
Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street.

Fees:
Upon request (Assessment and follow-up services are included.)

For further information call: **Gabor Gellert, 498-5223.**

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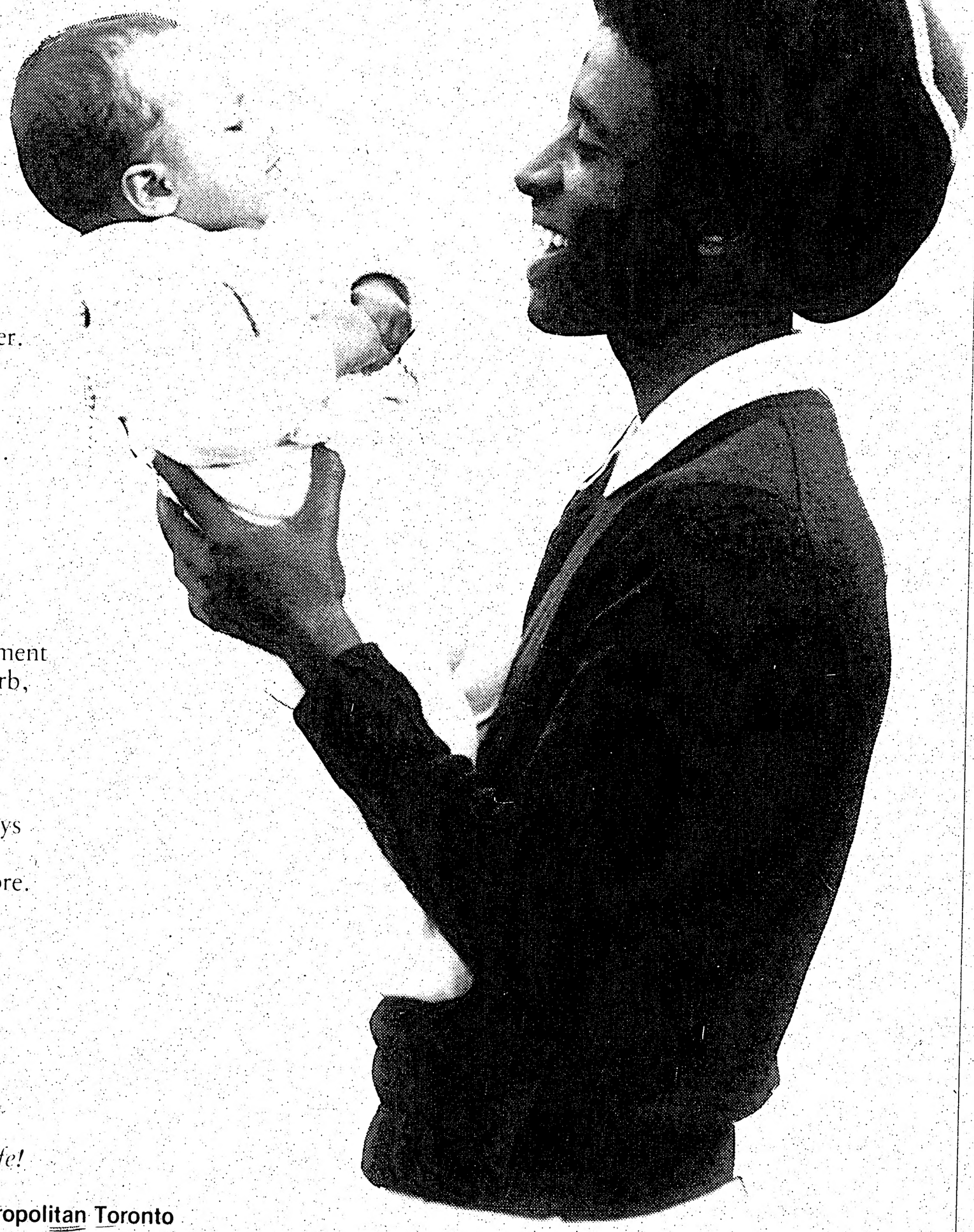

Falasha. In the Ethiopian tongue, it means Stranger.

Just sixteen months ago,
Ehud was a stranger —
a Falasha, in a hostile land.

But today, in Israel,
that's all behind him.
He's a Falasha no more:
he's come home.

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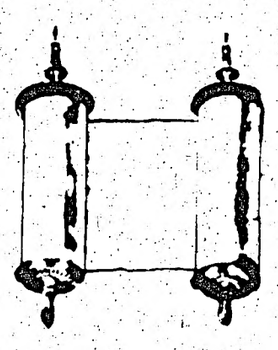

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeitzei.

Prayers have to come from the soul, not just the page. Kavanah, concentration, dedication, sincerity, avodat halev — service of the heart.

"Tefilot avot tiknu" — the forefathers established the prayers — Abraham inspired Shacarit, the morning prayer; Isaac introduced Mincha, the afternoon prayer; Yaakov gazed into the night sky and davened Maariv . . .

The forefathers established the prayers . . .

Reb Yoshe Ber Soliveichik was told about certain Brisker Jews who never went to synagogue except when they had to say mourners' Kaddish at yahrzeit (annual memorial observance).

Commented he: "It is true that for many Jews, the fathers establish the prayers. If it wasn't for the deaths of fathers and mothers, and children having to recite Kaddish at Yahrzeit, they would never go to shul . . ."

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Father Jacob fled from his brother Esau, who was out to kill him. He headed to Syria to find himself a wife.

On the road the sun suddenly set, and he made himself a border of stones to lie down on. Argued the stones — upon me will the tzaddik rest his head! Until G-d moulded the stones into one piece.

Says the Holy Zohar: When the king comes to the place of his beloved and she makes him a pillow of stones, it is softer than all the finest bed things.

How could Jacob sleep on stones? How could he rest his head comfortably? Because they were the stones of Eretz Yisrael. For a holy person, the earth and stones of Israel are softer and more comfortable than all the finest beds of the Galus . . . (Yad Yosef).

Once a chassid of the Kobriner Rebbe was implored by another rebbe to abandon the Kobriner and come to him. The chassid was very pleased with himself, and went to the Kobriner and boasted: "Look how that Rebbe is after me to become his chassid, while here I hardly count for anything . . ."

Answered the Kobriner: Our rabbis teach that when Father Jacob wanted to rest his head, the stones fought for the honor of having the tzaddik. But troday it appears that the tzaddik fight over the stones . . ."

Jacob went to Haran to find a shidduch. It's not always easy finding one's "basherter" — destined.

Moses Mendelsohn married a beautiful, wealthy Guggenheim girl. Mendelsohn himself was brilliant, but not that physically attractive, with a hunchback.

How did he convince this beautiful woman to marry him? He told her once privately: "Before we were born, a voice went out — Mendelsohn wil marry Guggenheim. I asked the angel to show me my basherter, and I saw that you had a hunchback.

"I felt very sad. So I told the angel 'Give me the hunchback, and leave her flawless.' And that is why I look like I look and you look like you look . . ." The Guggenheim girl was so touched by the story, she married the brilliant philosopher.

Beauty is vain. Goodness, kindness, midot tovot last forever. Easy as ABC -- Good Shabbes.

Service for Greenspan

Baycrest pays its respects to rabbi

TORONTO —

Staff, volunteers, members, residents, patients and board members of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, joined friends and relatives of the late Rabbi Abraham Greenspan to pay last respects to the centre's spiritual leader.

The funeral service was held recently in the centre's Abe Poslun's Auditorium.

"Rabbi Greenspan was more than our spiritual leader," said Stephen Rudin, the centre's executive director. "He was a friend, a confidante and was available at any hour to counsel, or listen, to anyone at Baycrest — its staff and its volunteers, as well as its patients, residents and members and their family and friends.

"He was a rare individual."

Greenspan had a special capacity for building understanding and respect between Jews receiving centre care and non-Jewish members, residents, patients and staff members, Rudin said. Regularly prepared and distributed brochures that explained Jewish holidays and traditions helped non-Jews associated with Baycrest come to know and understand the centre's history and cultural heritage.

"Through his warm, caring approach he helped build bridges of understanding between the many diverse cultures that comprise Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care," said Rudin. "He was proof that caring transcends cultures."

Rabbi Greenspan

As well as being involved in centre activities, Greenspan was an active participant in numerous community-based religious, educational, civic and social organizations.

Born in Poland 73 years ago, he immigrated to Canada in 1936, settling in Halifax where he became leader of Beth Israel Congregation.

When he retired in 1971 that congregation established a scholarship in his name at the Bar Ilan University in Israel and named the Beth Israel Synagogue's Hebrew School in his honor.

Shortly after he moved to Toronto and in late 1971 was enticed out of retirement to become the rabbi of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Rabbi Greenspan was predeceased by his wife Sophie and is survived by son Louis Greenspan and daughter-in-law Sheila; daughter Zelda Moldofsky and son-in-law Harvey; daughter Marilyn Veidlinger and son-in-law Otto; and four grandsons and three granddaughters. A sister, Altka Tamary, lives in Israel.

Israeli company handles celebrations

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Organizations and People

Speaks at Outlook 86

Bronfman sees unemployment as major problem

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

More than 300 Jewish professionals were on hand at the Metro Convention Centre for Outlook 86 to hear an address by industrialist Edward Bronfman, at the first joint program of the United Jewish Appeal Accountants and Lawyers divisions.

Bronfman, a former Montrealer and active leader in that city's Jewish community, has now made Toronto his home base. The occasion marked his first appearance at a Toronto UJA function.

He began by presenting a brief analysis of economic conditions, with emphasis on the 3-year world economic recovery culminating in the strongest growth in 1984."

Although he expressed confidence there would be no recession in the next 12 months, Bronfman sees high unemployment across Canada and throughout Europe as a major problem to be dealt with.

In a brief reference to proposed free trade with the United States, he was emphatic in his view that there was nothing to be afraid of. "Canada should welcome competition with the Americans," he said.

However, the heart of his address focused on Israel and Ethiopian Jewry in particular.

Bronfman, referring to Israel as the land of "milk, honey, amazing people and horrendous inflation," said that despite present harsh conditions, she "has accepted an enormous additional burden with open arms."

Unlike other immigrants, said Bronfman, Ethiopians arrived in Israel with nothing but the clothes on their backs, requiring a whole range of supportive services.

With vast cultural differences, whole new concepts must be taught. But, said Bronfman, Israel has learned from experience with immigrants from Yemen and Morocco, that their own unique heritage should be nurtured.

"These are a proud people, highly motivated to succeed. The learning abilities of the children are phenomenal, but the cost of educating them will be extremely high. Israel urgently needs world support."

"Operation Moses," he said, "was the most dramatic rescue in our lifetime and links us all together."

Speaking on behalf of United Jewish Appeal were Max Handelman, campaign vice-chairman, who presented an update on the 1986 campaign, and campaign director Adam Kahan. Kahan delivered a capsule presentation on the role of UJA in the local community and in Israel.

Chairman for the Outlook 86 Accountants and Lawyers function were Aaron Brotman, Marvin Geist and Allen Karp. Honorary co-chairman, Donald Carr and Harvey Hecker.

Edward Bronfman, (centre), is surrounded at UJA's Outlook 86, where he was the keynote speaker. From the left are Carl Goldenberg, Marvin Geist, Max Handelman, Aaron Brotman, Lloyd Weiss and Allen Karp.

Friends post to Vaisler

LONDON, Ont. —

Sydney Vaisler is the new chairman of the London chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

The Canadian Friends, a nationwide charitable foundation, solicits contributions for and arranges academic exchanges with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Vaisler has a long record of leadership in London public life. A former president of the London Art Gallery, he is presently on the advisory board of the London Symphony Orchestra.

Sydney Vaisler

He also has a long history of involvement with the city's Jewish community. Past president of the London Jewish Community Council, he has been chairman of both the United Jewish Appeal and of Israel Bonds on at least two occasions.

A past president of B'nai Israel Synagogue, he was a member of the amalgamating committee of the B'nai Israel and B'nai Moses synagogues. The committee's work resulted in the creation of the Or Shalom Synagogue.

He was co-chairman, with the late Elliot Cohen, of B'nai Israel's building campaign.

In a recent interview, he said he is "looking forward to helping Israel's premier institution of higher learning."

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Organizations and People

Couple chosen for JNF award

Carrs deeply involved in work and each other

By PATRICIA RUCKER —

TORONTO —

They suit each other very well.

Don and Judy Carr sit side by side on their living room sofa, behaving in an interview just as they would every day.

They bounce ideas off each other, sometimes contradict each other, laugh with and tease each other.

But always, they home in to the centre of their lives — each other.

They are only the fifth husband and wife team in 37 years to be chosen for the annual Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner award.

They are being honored together — but for very different contributions to the Jewish community.

As Judy puts it: "My involvement is primarily in synagogue and distressed Jewry."

In 1982, Judy became the first and only woman president of Beth Tzedec Congregation. Her work for Jews in Arab lands was a project initiated with her first husband, Dr. Ronald Feld.

After his death, she was asked by Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region) to form a committee which became the national committee for Jews in Arab lands, which she chaired for five years.

She continues: "Don's work is community, Congress, budgets, education. We never go to any meetings together."

And then Don pulls it all together.

"It should be a joint honor," he says, "because although on the surface they are different activities, I'm deeply involved in what Judy does, and she's deeply involved in what I do.

"She discusses with me everything she does, and I discuss most of what I do and bounce ideas off her, and she bounces ideas off me.

"We don't have to compete, and we don't have to be at the same meetings — but there's a cross fertilization of ideas in both our activities."

"Innate street smarts"

Don, who has served as president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and the Community Hebrew Academy, and as chairman of the National Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry, treasures what he calls Judy's "innate street smarts."

"Even in areas where she doesn't have any expertise at all, such as budgeting . . ." He gets no further.

"That's not so," Judy breaks in with a mixture of laughter and indignation.

"I took a budgeting course when I was chairman of the board of the shul. I took a women's course in how to read a budget.

"After all, I didn't go to university to learn that sort of stuff." (She holds a graduate degree in musicology, earned during her third pregnancy.)

Don is not to be deflected.

"She has a native intuition on matters of relationships between human beings, and organizations, and what's 'right.' That's very useful, because budgeting is not just straight figures."

To be president of a synagogue is not an easy job. Don admits he would shun it.

"I'm a taker at synagogue, not a giver. To me, the synagogue was always a sanctuary where I could go on Shabbat morning, lose myself and know nothing about the problems."

But during her term at Beth Tzedec, when the problems were, ultimately, her responsibility, Judy found Don a tremendous source of support, someone outside the organization whom she could talk to.

And in her work to aid Jews in distress in Arab countries — notably Syria — she has tested her ideas against Don's analytical abilities, honed first in journalism in his native England and then, following his arrival in Canada in 1948, as a lawyer.

"When I'm making major decisions affecting people," says Judy, "I need to say, I'm doing this. How do you perceive what I'm doing?

"There are some days when it is so difficult, because I know what my gut feeling is — but it's my gut feeling that makes the decision and I need another opinion."

Judy's husky voice softens. "Even more than another opinion, just — you know — 'Good luck. Do it.' "

Judy Carr

Don Carr

And then, with just a hint of a laugh: "Don is much more dignified . . . no, not dignified. What's the word I'm looking for?"

Her husband obliges: "Diplomatic? Circumspect?"

Judy pounces on the word. "Circumspect. And I'm not."

Don is fiercely proud of his wife's accomplishments.

"Many things which I see fazing some women in community activities don't faze her. I think she's able to hold her own on the same level as everybody else around her."

Judy drives herself, he says — and he recognizes a common bond.

She has, he says, "a need to prove herself — and that's probably what motivates me to a very great extent."

But in spite of that drive, and the communal and professional responsibilities that come with it, they guard their family life jealously.

"We try to avoid community evening meetings. I wish to the largest extent possible to be with Judy and the family."

Don says that is why he bowed out as an officer of Congress and resigned from the Board of Jewish Education. "I've reached the stage where I absolutely refuse, unless its really urgent, to cut into the time that we can be together."

Judy adds: "This is not a 1-child family (there are, in fact, six children, aged 15 to 30) and you've got to spend time with these kids."

Both widowed young, each with three children, they treasure their family.

Not all live at home now: Aaron, 30, a Ben Gurion University graduate, has made aliya; 26-year-old Jonathan, a doctor, has recently married; and Alan, 23, is in residence at Osgoode Hall in the combined MBA-LLB program.

Still with them are the 20-year-olds, Adam and Gary, both at the University of Toronto, and Elizabeth, 15, in grade 11 at CHAT.

But they all come together for Shabbat dinner (Jonathan and his wife Terri every other Friday night.)

"Friday night is set aside," Don says. "We will not go out anywhere."

And every summer, when they stay in their Jerusalem apartment for four weeks, Aaron is a frequent visitor.

They try not to talk community business with the children. "I get a sense that they do not appreciate the constant discussion that we might have," Don says, but "we talk deliberately about some things because they have to know . . . and they have to feel."

Both Don and Judy Carr individually could merit the honor that the Jewish National Fund is giving them.

But as they speak of what the work of JNF means to each of them, their separate answers illustrate the blend of heart and head that enriches them — and the community.

Don speaks first: "I see JNF in tandem with Keren Hayesod (United Israel Appeal), with UJA. They are the focal organizations that existed before the State of Israel."

"The connection with the land plays a very important role in our peoplehood."

And then Judy speaks from her heart:

A young widow with three children and not very much money, she decided to go to Israel for a summer.

She rented an apartment in Jerusalem, and lived in her words, "like an Israeli — not an affluent Israeli — an Israeli on a minimum income."

Where did she take her children?

Her laugh breaks through her memories.

"We couldn't afford the King David swimming pool — we went to the Jerusalem Forest (a JNF project).

"It had a swimming pool, it had picnic tables, it had absolutely gorgeous playgrounds.

"I realized then what it meant when everybody in Sudbury (where she grew up) had the blue pushke, and everybody put in for JNF."

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BB-Bonds breakfast

Hamilton's "mayor of the morning" honored

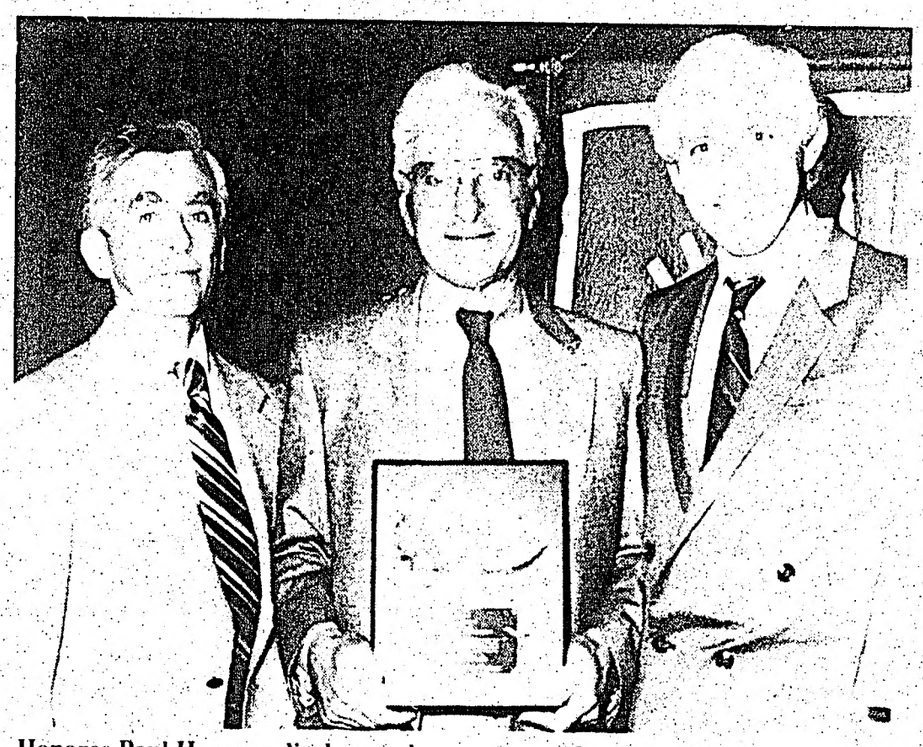
By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — An affectionate tribute to one of Hamilton's most popular figures and a stern warning about terrorism marked the recent annual joint Hamilton B'nai B'rith-State of Israel Bonds breakfast at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

The tribute was to Paul Hanover, not only the best known broadcaster and most sought after MC in the area but, as executive director of the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation, Manny Zack, put it, someone who "embodies more than almost anyone else I know the principles and ideals which B'nai B'rith stands for."

And the warning came from Yaron Svoray, an expert on urban guerrilla warfare and terrorism currently studying in the U.S. on a 2-year leave of absence from his job with the Israel police central unit and who was introduced by judge Norman Bennett as "Israel's answer to Rambo."

Svoray warned that "the world is in the middle of an undeclared war in which the good guys, us, are playing by the rules." Israel's answer to terrorism, he declared, "is that we will not play the game."



Honoree Paul Hanover displays a plaque presented to him at the recent Hamilton B'nai B'rith-State of Israel Bonds breakfast. With him is his son, Ian Yanover, president of Viceroy Reading Lodge, (right), and breakfast chairman Leslie Levitt.

The war against terrorism, Svoray said, will have to be different. "We have to cure the world of this cancer and sometimes, unfortunately, curing a cancer means you have to cut off a certain limb."

Terrorists are never satisfied with a particular goal and their actions are only stepping stones to other objectives. What they want, said Svoray, "is for the world to get sick of terrorism and to say 'look, we can't enter this war, too many people are getting killed.' "

Terrorism is the weapon of the weak and the average recruit to terrorism is "not the freedom fighter with the kefiyah and the Kalashnikov, willing to commit suicide" but "a young guy who would be a misfit in any other society," observed Svoray.

He encountered his first terrorist in 1974 when he was a young paratrooper involved in the storming of the school at Ma'alot. Svoray found one of the terrorist cowering in a room: "a pitiful boy, maybe 17 years old, in a torn pair of jeans . . . sitting there, half crying . . . and I thought, my God, that's the terrorism we're fighting against."

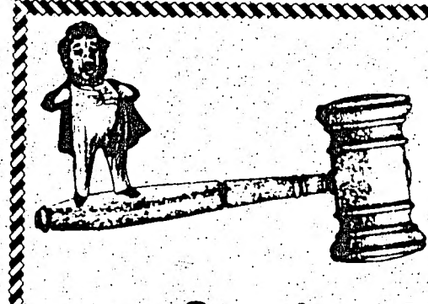
The tribute to Hanover came from his son Ian Yanover, president of Viceroy Reading Lodge, of which his father has been a member (and is a past president) for almost 40 years. "He is on call for all of us," said Yanover, proudly pointing out that his father's work in the Jewish community — and outside it — "does not end with B'nai B'rith.

"He did good for Israel, he did good for Hamilton, he did good for his community and he did good for his family," Yanover said.

In his response Hanover entertained the gathering with his interpretations of the word "bond" but grew serious with the reminder that "money is just a means — an inadequate one — to express the bond we have with Israel, the bond that unites, connects, the belief and the understanding that we are one."

General Bond's campaign chairman Leo Straub presented Hanover with a plaque and among others who delivered tributes were William Morris, vice-president, B'nai B'rith International; Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow and federation president Leslie Pasis.

Breakfast chairman was Leslie Levitt and head table guests included Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom, Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue, David Walman, president of Hamilton Lodge, Marvin Caplan, associate Bonds campaign chairman and Morris Smurlick, president of Beth Jacob.



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Organizations and People

Officers installed at meeting

David Steinberg chairman of UIA of Ontario

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The United Israel Appeal of Ontario has installed David Steinberg of Hamilton as its new chairman. He succeeds Samuel Taylor with the stated goal of increasing the organization's commitment to Israel by 20%.

Steinberg was installed with the new Women's Division chairperson, Sharon Hochberg of Windsor, and the other officers for 1986/87 at the recent annual general meeting and leadership awards presentation ceremony in the Lipa Green Building.

He assumes his position at a time when, as Taylor says, "Israel needs our wholehearted support, particularly in these critical days of tremendous economic and political problems."

Asher Naim, minister of information at the Israeli embassy in Washington, Gideon Saguy, consul general of Israel in Toronto and Allan Offman, president, United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. were the guests of honor at the meeting.

Taylor, who completed a 4-year term, opened the meeting saying that contributions for Ontario as of Oct. 31, show an increase over 1984.

Complete figures will be available in the annual report from UIA director Ben Ocopnick in January, he added.

A growing problem, Taylor said, is the diminishing size of non-structured communities which lose members through death and relocation.

"So, it is a continuous struggle for us to maintain our cash flow. But be assured that with our efforts to date, the battle is still being won."

He presented a special award to Lazar Cartu of St. Catharines in memory of his wife, the late Lynda Pearl Cartu, the former Women's Division chairperson.

David Steinberg (left), incoming chairman of United Israel Appeal of Ontario with incoming Women's Division president Sharon Hochberg, and outgoing chairman Samuel Taylor at the annual general meeting and leadership awards presentation ceremony.

Walter Hess, executive vice-president of UIA of Canada said that Project Renewal, an 8-year-old project of neighborhood revitalization in Israel, has been a "success story."

"We will fulfil our financial obligations to UIA and Or Yehuda," said Hess referring to the community Ontario region is assisting.

Allan Offman, national president of UIA, announced that a perpetual scholarship in the name of Samuel Taylor will be awarded to a student from Or Yehuda.

Offman said that UIA faces several problems and challenges. There is a need to focus fund raising efforts on specific projects for Israel and not allow funds to evaporate into dozens of programs; and to maintain funding levels despite the constant growth of new charities, Offman emphasized.

And UIA, which runs 33 programs in Israel must raise its visibility there, he added.

Against these obstacles and others, Offman noted, UIA is operating three successful programs to retain Jewish leadership: Yachdov, Hineni, and the national leadership mission to Israel.

Following Offman's report, representatives of Ontario region communities announced contributions to date, goals for the new year, and the status of existing programs.

Introduced by Gideon Saguy, Asher Naim expressed skepticism about King Hussein's desire for peace with Israel: "He keeps running around; no answers yet.

"I believe that Hussein is not ready for peace, is not willing, can't make it, whatever. What he wants is American arms, and is willing to do anything possible for the arms he has applied for."

But Naim concluded optimistically that in a sea of troubles, Israel's relationship with the United States has never been so good.

After Naim's address, Taylor and Hochberg presented awards (sculptural interpretations of the Chai symbol by sculptress May Marx) to members of UIA leadership.

Taylor closed his term saying "we should try to emphasize the achievements in Israel and not focus so heavily on the problems."

Steinberg, accepting the gavel, said UIA's "essential goal is to raise money for immigration and absorption, and we still must remember that we have the task before us to absorb the Ethiopians."

Joint program gives coats to needy children

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Family & Child Service and 80 United Way agencies in Greater Toronto last week joined in a promotional campaign aimed at distributing children's coats to needy families.

The program, dubbed *Koats for Kids*, will run until Dec. 31, said Donna Teggart, communications consultant for United Way of Greater Toronto.

Sketchley Cleaners and radio station CFRB are the driving forces behind *Koats for Kids*, which is modeled on a successful program in London, Ont., she said.

Stewart Redman, president of Sketchley, said last year's coat-gathering program in London distributed 3,800 winter coats in the fourth year of the cleaning company's involvement.

This year, the United Way is anticipating gathering and distributing 15,000 coats in Greater Toronto (from Oshawa to Oakville), Teggart said.

As a United Way member agency, the JCC will participate in the program by distributing coats through a depot at Rockford Public School, said Marilyn Seligman, spokeswoman for the JCC.

Dorothy Finkelstein, head of children's programming for the Valley Branch of the JCC, told The CJN public participation in the program begins when those who have old or used children's coats deposit them in special bins at any of Sketchley's outlets.

All of Sketchley's 125 outlets in Greater Toronto and London are participating in the promotion, Redman told The CJN. The coats will then be cleaned and mended, if necessary, and dropped off at the distribution centres around Toronto.

The JCC's depot, Rockford School, is in an area populated by immigrant families, Finkelstein pointed out, adding she expected an initial delivery of 50 coats.

The Rockford School depot, 60 Rockford, will be open Monday to Friday, 4-8 p.m., beginning last week. Should demand outstrip supply, further coats may be obtained, she said.

The JF & CS depot is located at its *Just a Second Shop* at 3420 Bathurst St. and will be open Monday to Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Here's who they were

In last week's business supplement in The CJN, a photograph accompanied a story on Med-Care, the storefront medical service which recently opened a new location in the Thornhill Square shopping centre. The CJN inadvertently neglected to identify everyone in the picture. Standing next to Med-Care president Dr. Lou Fields were Dr. Debbie Birnbaum and Dr. Ray Zatzman.

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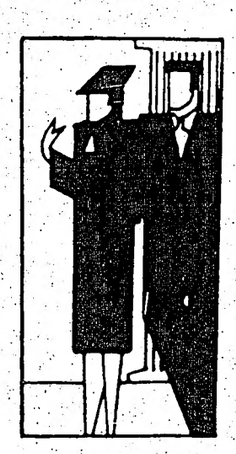

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Organizations and People

Play to be ignored

Toronto Jews don't plan a protest of Ghetto

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There will be no organized protest over Ghetto, the play about life in the Vilna ghetto in 1942 currently running at Toronto Workshop Productions, 12 Alexander St., but that does not mean response to it has been positive, says the chairman of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Helen Smolack told The CJN last week that after seeing the play by Israeli playwright Joshua Sobol about Jewish "collaboration" with Nazis, she and a number of others, including Vilna survivors, have decided not to protest but rather ignore the play and not give it any more publicity.

Smolack said that contrary to some recent newspaper reports, Jews here will not try to disrupt Ghetto, as some Jews did in Frankfurt, W. Germany where they forced the postponement of a play by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, in which vicious anti-Jewish dialogue was alleged.

But Smolack expressed her dismay with Ghetto, saying the play "trivializes" the Holocaust.

"You don't feel the enormity of the Holocaust. Every time I heard a burst of laughter or applause, I felt sick."

By not encouraging protest, Smolack said her organization, which includes some Vilna survivors, feels the play "will die a natural death."

Ghetto is scheduled to run until Dec. 1.

"I found it insulting to the memory of the victims. It appeals to people's baser instincts. It was cynical and contemptuous," Smolack said, adding that some of the people with whom she saw Ghetto walked out during the intermission.

She said Ghetto would play into the hands of anti-semites because, she feels, it depicts Jews as callous and desperate. On top of that, it's written by an Israeli, whom Smolack said is taking German National Socialism and equating it with Jewish nationalism and thus Zionism.

Between the creation in 1941 of a Jewish ghetto in Vilna, the capital of Nazi-occupied Lithuania, and its liquidation in 1943, an estimated 100,000 Jews were killed in the ghetto and its vicinity. Only 6,000 survived.

Ghetto the play, which focuses mainly on Jakob Gens, the Jewish police chief and leader of the Vilna ghetto who had to aid Nazis in their selection of Jews for deportation and ultimately death, has received lukewarm reviews from Toronto critics. (For The CJN's review, see the Arts pages).

Smolack conceded the acting in the play and its production are "excellent," but dismissed suggestions that the Jewish community should lay low and not attract more unfavorable attention to itself.

"If something hurts, we should say ouch."

One Vilna survivor who saw Ghetto told The CJN he thought it was like "rubbing salt in our wounds.

"A lot of anti-semites will like it. He (Sobol) has made a mess of it," said the survivor, who prefered to remain unnamed.

The problem with the play, he said, is that it takes a string of isolated incidents that took place in Vilna and treats them as if they happened regularly.

As for Gens, whom the play treats as both hero and villain, the survivor said it depends on how one looks at it.

"If the Germans came to someone and said they wanted 1,000 Jews and he negotiated for 800 and saved 200, I would call him a savior, not a collaborator."

He said the Jewish community "should forget about" Ghetto, thereby denying it more publicity.

Smolack agreed Gens is depicted as a sympathetic character but found it odd that there is only one Nazi in the entire play, an SS officer named Kittel.

Ghetto has aroused controversy in other venues as well. In Israel in 1983, it ran for just one week and in West Berlin last year, police ringed the theatre on opening night.

The play's Jewish director, Alexander Hausvater, assured The CJN that everything in Ghetto has been meticulously researched and documented, relying on a definitive work on the Vilna ghetto, Yitzchak Arad's Ghetto in Flames.

"Obviously there are some theatricalities (in the play). But in terms of main themes, everything is accurate.

"By no means are we trying to say this is reality. We didn't believe in recreating the reality of the Holocaust.

"The play opens a can of worms no one else had the guts to open. I think it's s crime for any young Jewish person not to see it," Hausvater said.

The play, he added, "is a call for unity" in times that regularly see people denying the existence of the Holocaust.

A $100-a-ticket gala evening last week was to donate 25% of proceedings to the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, but only 50 tickets were sold and the foundation withdrew, saying it did not wish to be associated with the play.

Toronto Workshop Productions spokesman Susan Puff said the theatre has received some complaints about the play. Puff added that negative publicity has cost the theatre as much as $15,000 in canceled bookings.

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Organizations and People

Anything that could go wrong has

Woman's dark, sad story almost defies belief

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It rarely happens in the Jewish community, but an urgent, private appeal for funds has gone out on behalf of a Thornhill woman whose story is so dark, so sad, it almost defies belief.

This week, a blitz of letters asking for private donations are being sent to synagogues, businesses and prominent members of the Jewish community, with the cooperation of Toronto rabbis David Monson and David Cooper.

Support has also been pledged from Mayor Art Eggleton.

The funds are for a 34-year-old Jewish woman, whom we'll call Susan.

Anything that possibly could have gone wrong in Susan's life, has.

To begin with, Susan, an otherwise attractive, outgoing woman, has cancer. Her prognosis is dim.

Her body is wracked with pain. She has minimal use of her left arm. The drugs she takes have affected her hormonal balance and have brought on premature menopause. In late 1983, doctors performed a partial mastectomy and lymph node dissection. Her cancer recurred last spring with extensive lymph tumors.

Last August, Susan's husband of 12½ years left her with two small children, aged 6 and 10. Her husband has a criminal record.

Susan's husband, 36, has no fixed address. He is meeting his barest legal requirements in providing $200 a week in interim child support payments.

Through bad advice, Susan agreed to put her comfortable home up for sale. She wishes she hadn't, because she now finds herself cash-short due to a $50,000 bank lien on the house, and an outstanding mortgage of $72,000. Susan personally owes some $25,000, debts she says were incurred mainly by her husband.

Susan must move out of the house by month's end. She is weak. She has to get to a downtown hospital for her cancer treatments. She has found a townhouse but it needs some work.

Recently, a judge ruled that her husband is obliged to provide her with the first and last month's rent on the townhouse and to pay her moving costs. But Susan claims her husband has ignored that responsibility.

The people who bought the house are understanding, but they want to move in. Susan has no money. Her children, she says, come first. She doesn't know what to do.

Because of her condition, Susan can't work. She has no means of income.

She says her in-laws want nothing to do with her.

There's more: Susan has been an orphan since age 17.

She was raised by uncles and aunts, many of whom are dead. Three-quarters of her family has been struck down by cancer.

She has a brother and he has helped as much as he can. So have friends, neighbors and even strangers, who have all opened their hearts. But it hasn't been enough.

In short, it's difficult for Susan to even think straight. She doesn't know which problem to attack first. She's been plunged into a life of hell, after years of suburban comfort.

Her nerves are understandably raw.

"I have been stripped of absolutely everything," Susan told The CJN in an interview. "To get what to live on has been excruciating. I'm working on getting my dignity back. I want to get on with my life.

"I don't have much time left."

Her legal wrangles aren't over yet. Susan goes back to court with her husband Dec. 9. She fears proceedings could get ugly.

"It's difficult to get a grip on any of this," says Susan. She wants a divorce because that would impose a settlement. "I just want to be left in peace."

In the meantime, Susan must pack and move. The donations being sought would help her move. If she can't get the rent together for her townhouse, she'll have to stay in her own home and face a hefty lawsuit from its new owners.

Although Jewish Family & Child Service has provided her with house help most days, Susan's stress level has reached an unmanageable point.

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Geriatric Society launches campaign to raise money

TORONTO —

The Canadian Geriatrics Research Society, an organization which raises funds for geriatric research and creates public awareness, has launched the final phase of its national fund raising campaign, executive director Donna Metcalfe says.

To date, $355,000 of the goal of $495,000 has been raised, says Metcalfe. Disabling diseases associated with aging is the prime concern of this year's campaign. Funds raised will be used to support 12 research projects and an information program, Metcalfe adds.

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Migration from Jerba

Lack of opportunity for Jews in Tunisia

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

When a reportedly berserk policeman shot and murdered five Jews during Simchat Torah services in Jerba (CJN Oct. 17), attention briefly focused on the lives of the remaining Jews in that Tunisian community.

For at least 900 years, and perhaps as many as 2,000, Jews have thrived on that island off the southeast coast of Tunisia, according to an expert on Islamic history.

But the Jewish presence in Jerba, as well as in all of Arab North Africa, "is coming to an end," said Prof. Abraham Udovitch of Princeton University.

Udovitch, who was presenting the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz memorial lecture at the University of Toronto recently, stated a lack of opportunities for Jews in Tunisia, both economic and political, coupled with an expected erosion in their autonomy and a resulting lack of power, is leading to a migration of Jews from Jerba.

That departure follows a pattern established throughout North Africa over the past 35 years, he noted. Once vibrant Jewish communities in Morocco, Algeria and Libya, which totaled about 600,000 in 1948, have almost completely disappeared.

Morocco, which once boasted a Jewish population of 350,000 dispersed among almost 400 towns and villages, now has a remnant of only 15,000, while Algeria, which once was home for 150,000 Jews, now has practically none.

That migration took place as the countries became independent and the Jewish communities there saw "very little place for themselves in the scheme of things," he said.

Udovitch, who co-authored *The Last Arab Jews: The Communities of Jerba*, made only brief mention of anti-Jewish degradation and limitations on their lives and livelihoods which, in part, prompted the exodus.

The Jews who remain in North Africa are "not real communities," he continued, since they can't reproduce themselves communally or culturally. But that is less so for the Jews of Jerba.

In that small island, approximatley 1,200 of Tunisia's 4,500 Jews still reside, and they maintain Jewish institutions, an educational system and the same traditional lifestyles they have "for centuries."

Udovitch, who visited the island in 1979, noted the Jews there were distributed between two villages resembling "shtetlach," or "separate republics," about five miles apart.

Develop unique customs

The Jews of both communities are totally Orthodox, he said, and life there revolves around the rhythms of the Jewish calendar. The villagers there have, over the course of time, developed unique customs that define their lives, whether it's in the clothes they wear, the dialect of Arabic they speak, their alphabet and their names.

Udovitch, a native of Winnipeg, noted that Jews in Jerba have both a biblical name and also the name of a fish, since the latter is believed to afford good luck and protection versus "the evil eye." One rabbi, he recalled, was known as Rabbi Redfish.

There are 16 synagogues serving the two Jerbian villages, though only one contains an ark with Torahs, he stated.

According to the unique customs of Jerba, that synagogue — El Ghariba (the wondrous) — is a "pilgrimage synagogue" filled whenever the Torah is read, and it was during Simchat Torah with the synagogue crowded that the killings took place.

Religion permeates the lives of Jerba's Jews, so that life revolves around synagogue prayer times. On a given evening, it's possible to see young men meeting in study groups to discuss Talmud or the Zohar.

Education, which Udovitch described as the bedrock of the community, is universal for all boys, up to age 14. After that, education is still available to age 17, though many at 14 begin apprenticeship in the trades and businesses Jews have adopted.

(Toronto businessman Jack A. Blustein, who visited Jerba in March, recently told The CJN he visited a Lubavitch yeshiva on the island in which 375 boys and girls studied.)

There is an "ethnic division of labor" on the island, he noted, with Jews working as pedlars, silver and gold craftsmen and carpenters.

Despite the unique characteristics Udovitch ascribed to the Jews of Jerba, he termed them "Arab Jews," noting they "had adapted to the needs of a cultural environment, not only as Jews, but as Jerbian Jews."

They had adopted aspects of Tunisian Arab culture while remaining separate from them, he said.

He pointed to similarities in dress, myths about their origins (both claim to have migrated in the dim past from the East), similarities in stress of ritual purity, similarities of language dialects and the modification of universal laws by local customs as factors he considered in terming them "Arab Jews."

Udovitch, whose lecture centred on the cultural, religious and economic aspects of Jewish life in Jerba, did not discuss the political circumstances under which the Jews of Jerba must accommodate themselves.

During a question period at the end of the lecture, he briefly acknowledged Jews in Jerba experience "daily harassment and indignities," but he added that was not **the** reason for emigration off the island.

He said most who were leaving were moving to Israel.

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Organizations and People

Scheininger, Borovoy square off

Public funding for religious schools debated

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Government funding of religiously-based private schools is entirely consistent with the accepted role of religion in Canadian society, the chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region told law students at Osgoode Hall recently.

Les Scheininger was participating in a debate with Alan Borovoy, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, on the funding of religiously based schools in Ontario.

Only days earlier, a 1-man provincial commission headed by Dr. Bernard Shapiro had recommended the funding of private schools that meet provincial criteria as "creative public policy." (CJN Nov. 14)

Borovoy countered with the argument that such funding would be against the public interest because it could destroy the public school system.

Scheininger traced the development of the American doctrine of the separation of church and state to the persecutions suffered by the Pilgrim Fathers in England under an established church.

But the Canadian experience is different, he said.

The concept of religion is acknowledged in the Canadian Constitution, which describes Canada as a nation "under the sovereignty of God."

And Section 93 of the British North America Act — the section on which the public funding of Catholic schools in Ontario and Protestant schools in Quebec is based — was "a necessary compromise" in order to accommodate minority religious rights in both provinces.

If some minority rights are to be protected, Scheininger argued, then under the Charter of Rights, which forbids discrimination on the basis of sex, ethnic origin, or religion, all minority rights must be protected.

"There is no dispute that funding for the Protestant and Catholic schools is prima facie discriminatory," he said.

"Section 93 froze in time those privileges — as they were at that time. The Charter changed that. We are in a new ballgame."

Other provinces do fund religiously-based schools, he noted.

In Ontario, although the province funds religiously-based social services and hospitals, there is a "unique absence of participation in education."

Borovoy, who spoke second in the debate, directly attacked the position of CJC Ontario Region on Bill 30, the bill to extend funding to all grades of the Roman Catholic separate school system.

When it was introduced last July, the bill was referred to the Ontario Court of Appeal by the government to determine whether it was in conflict with the Charter.

After weeks of hearing briefs, the court is now considering its judgment.

Les Scheininger

Alan Borovoy

Congress, Ontario Region argued before the court that the government had a constitutional obligation to fully fund the separate school system — but that under the Charter of Rights it was also obligated to fund other religiously-based schools.

In his report, Shapiro took a slightly different position.

The province has no further obligation to fund any schools, Shapiro said.

However, funding only Catholic religious schools was discriminatory, he said.

Borovoy agreed that only the present arrangements — full funding for Catholic elementary grades and partial funding for grades 9 and 10 — had to be continued for consitutional reasons.

He said that Congress was wrong to support extended funding.

Because some communities could not support two schools, many students would be forced to attend school in a Catholic atmosphere, he argued.

"Bill 30 infringes on their religious freedom, and to the extent that CJC has supported Bill 30, it is advocating this infringement on religious freedom," Borovoy charged.

Many Jewish students in outlying communities, where there are no Jewish day schools, could be affected, he claimed.

"What Congress has done is to promote the interests of the most secure members of their constituency at the expense of the least secure."

He quoted a number of studies to show that increased contact with members of minority groups produces more tolerance for those minorities.

It is the public schools that can supply that contact, Borovoy stated, "and I fear that when you take steps to pull people out of that system, you are undermining the ability of the public schools to play that role."

In short, Borovoy argued, just because the government must, for constitutional reasons, partially support one religious school system, it should not take any steps which threaten the system best serving the public good — the public school system.

Polish Jews plea: Send young people

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Prior to World War II, Cracow was the home for 60,000 Polish Jews. It had numerous synagogues, bustling community offices for the city's many Jewish organizations and a teeming Jewish quarter.

Forty-six years later, Cracow is the home for a scant 300 Jews, almost all elderly — a community whose bleak future rides on the shoulders of the remaining pre-war generation.

Michael Lustgarten recently visited with the Jews of Cracow, and he was asked to bring back an urgent plea: send young people.

"The president (of the Jewish community) begged me 'send young people here. Let them see and remember what we tell them it was like and what it's like today,'" Lustgarten told The CJN.

They specifically requested bar mitzvah boys be sent, to help boost the spirit of the people still living there, almost all of whom are over 65.

(They also requested he be accompanied by a male rabbi, Lustgarten said, in reference to the controversy over the appearance there of a female rabbi. CJN Sept. 19.)

They want to be shown that "the Jews of the world haven't forgotten about them," he stated.

Lustgarten's first trip back to Poland in 40 years was a traumatic event. In fact, it was such an emotional and depressing experience, he had to cut the trip short after only one week.

In his brief visit to his native country, the 65-year-old business manager walked in the streets of his pre-war hometown of Cracow. He also toured Warsaw and he visited the death camps of Auschwitz, Maidainek and Treblinka.

(Lustgarten stressed the Polish authorities should be credited with marking the places where there were concentration camps or sites of shootings and anti-Jewish atrocitis.)

At one point he considered a trip to the death facility at Belzec, where 600,000 Jews, including, he was once told, his parents, were murdered.

"I wanted to drive there, but in the state I was in, I was convinced (by others) not to go, since I'd come back a sick man."

Lustgarten says he was warned Belzec would have been too traumatic for him — that it was sorely neglected and that it was still possible on rare occasions to find fragments of human bones in the earth.

So, on his return to North America, Lustgarten visited the Cracower society in New York to explain the condition of the camp, where thousands of Cracow's residents were among the camp's 600,000 victims, and to suggest "perhaps they can do something to preserve it as an historical site."

Lustgarten was accompanied on his Polish visit by his 22-year-old daughter Danielle, his cousin Henry Dortheimer and Henry's two sons.

Even now, several weeks after the trip, Lustgarten cannot say for certain what prompted him to make the trip 40 years after he last set foot in Cracow.

"I don' know," he said. "I felt I should go see the places where maybe my family perished."

He brought Danielle because "I wanted her to see...to see what it was like and what happened so she should remember."

The trip was an unhappy experience, Lustgarten said in retrospect. "Most depressing for me was walking the streets of Cracow. I felt like this girl lived there, this boy there. I felt like I could walk in (to a home) and say hello.

"The Jewish quarter used to be teeming," he continued. "Now it's dead, like a big cemetery. The houses are there, the apartments are there, but the people are gone. It took a while before it all registered — there's nobody here."

Though the people Lustgarten remembered from "another time are gone, 300 Jews still call Cracow their home. He visited with some of the community leaders, while his cousin, quite by accident, ran into an old friend who also survived the nearby Plaszow labor camp.

Lustgarten also visited the three rooms of what serves as a Jewish community centre, which includes a kitchen and dining hall where free hot meals are served.

He also visited the main synagogue in Warsaw during Succoth, its succah, and he was given an aliyah.

He was told there is still anti-semitism in Poland, "but not officially." Instead "there are undercurrents," he said.

The Jews of Warsaw and Cracow, though, aren't about to leave. For them "it's too late in life to do anything. What they'd like to see though, are younger Jewish people."

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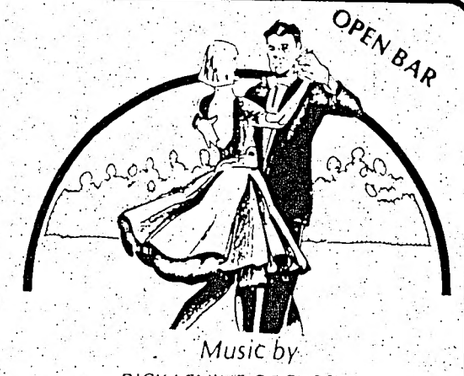

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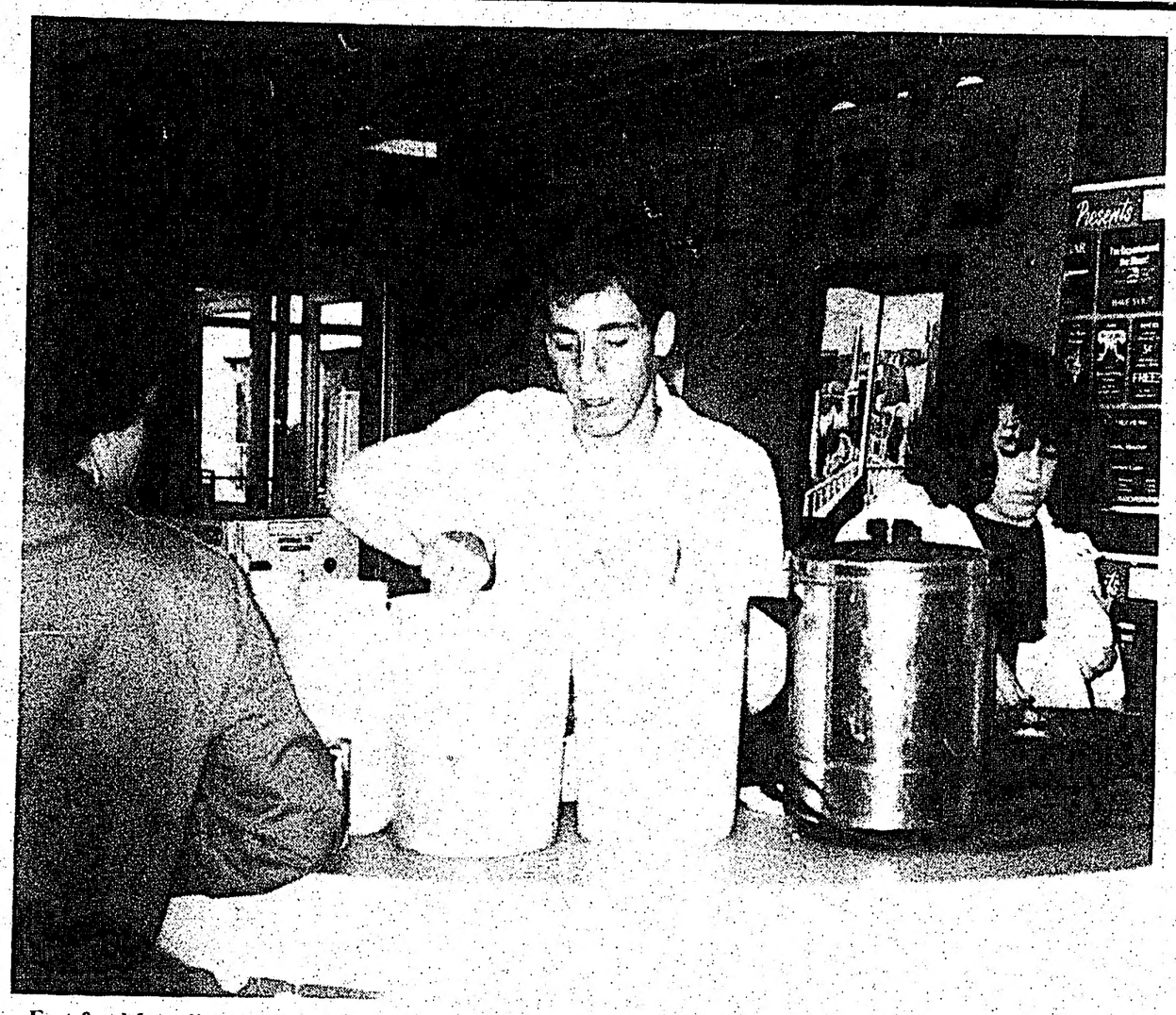

Fast food Israeli-style was on the menu as B'nai B'rith Hillel gave University of Toronto students a taste of Israel.

Israeli street materializes at University of Toronto

TORONTO —

Students at the University of Toronto spent a day walking a "street in Israel" without leaving their campus recently when the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union sponsored Israel Day.

In keeping with the theme, Walk Through Israel, the lobby of the university's Sidney Smith Building was transformed into an Israeli street complete with stores, a restaurant, and a travel agency information kiosk.

The Jewish Agency had information on the history, geography, people and economy of Israel, and a cinema screened videos, while a food stand dispensed hot falafel and pieces of baklava.

The universities (Hebrew University, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and the Weizmann Institute) all received attention and interest, says Karen Anthony, associate director of Hillel/JSU.

But the highlight, she adds, was the entertainment. The Chai Dancers with their Israeli folkdancing and Tehila, the university Hebrew choir sponsored by Hillel and (York University's) Jewish Student Federation brought a taste of Israeli culture to the audience.

Anthony credits co-chairmen Debbie Diamient and Debi Medzon of the Hillel Israel affairs committee for much of the success.

Beck elected TSO president

Thomas Beck

TORONTO —

Thomas Beck, a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and a member of the board of governors of Mount Sinai Hospital, has been elected president of the Toronto Symphony, the symphony has announced.

Beck, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Noma Industries Ltd., has been a member of the orchestra's board of directors since 1979.

He has been vice-president and chairman of the symphony's fund raising committee for the last three years, and in his final year, the committee achieved a campaign record.

Born in Hungary in 1926, Beck studied electrical engineering at London University in England. He settled in Toronto in 1950 and with his mother founded the Beck Electrical Manufacturing Co., which was to become Noma Industries.

Beck succeeds William Boggs, Toronto Symphony president for the past three years.

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Hillel elects chairmen

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Ron Clark of York University and Diane Wise of the University of Windsor, were elected protem co-chairmen of B'nai B'rith Hillel Canada at the organization's recent national conference, Hillel has announced.

Clark and Wise will work together to further unify and strengthen B'nai B'rith Hillel on a national level, the organization said. Their duties will include coordinating future national meetings, speaking out on issues of concern to Jewish students, and disseminating material on campus-related issues to Canadian colleges and universities.

The co-chairman will also sit on the International Student Secretariat of B'nai B'rith Hillel International in Washington, D.C., as Canadian representatives.

Campaign HOT-line

Chatting before their meeting got under way, are members of UJA Veterinarian group. From the left is Chairman Dr. Eric Ginsberg, Drs. Morris Samson, Millard Lerman and Ruth Weintrop.

With "clean-sweep week" looming on the horizon (scheduled from December 1st through 5th), most divisions are still heavily into their own telethons and by the beginning of next month we should be really "cleaned up."

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Women's Division have at least three telethons under their belts, with the most recent one held last Sunday.

At present count (not as yet final), says **Anne Handelman,** 1,600 completed cards were turned in during the pull-in at which **Yael Dayan** was the featured guest speaker.

Even with the wonderful attendance of more than 200, the figures for the number of women who came out and the cards brought in, the day surpassed all expectations. But, says Anne, there is still quite a way to go before the final goal is reached and she urges that there be no letup by canvassers.

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The eight dentists who showed up for their division's telethon last week, made an evening of it at the Lipa Green Building.

Starting with dinner and a viewing of the 26-minute version of the **Operation Moses** film, they then took over the phones.

Present along with Dentists Co-chairmen **Russ Leve** and **Les Train,** were **Sheldon Copper, Stan Jacobson, Jeff Kirshenbaum, Gordon Perlmutter, Harvey Taub** and **Howard Tile.**

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Four telethons have been scheduled by Business Division Chairman **Harvey Rosen** for November — the 21st and 28th, and on the 18th and 25th. The two latter dates will have full participation by B'nai Brith members.

Congratulations are in order to our Harvey as the incoming President of the Men's Service Group Council at Baycrest.

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It's a boy! for Pharmacists Co-chairman **Carolyn Posen** and husband **Stephen** who is a canvasser with the Lawyers Division.

And a mazel tov to **Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Bader** on the addition of a baby girl to the family. Dennis is Optometrists Co-chairman.

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A reminder — Thornhill Young Couples Program family Chanukah celebration will be held on Sunday, December 1st, at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Avenue West in Thornhill, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Featured entertainers will be children's folk singer **Bob Schneider** and **Dan Yashinsky,** noted children's story teller. There will be light refreshments and fun for everyone.

Presale of tickets to Thornhill families **only,** $3.00 for adults, $2.00 for children. For tickets, call 635-2883, ext. 103. If space permits, tickets will be available at the door — $4.00 for adults, $3.00 for children.

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There was a phenomenal attendance at the first meeting of Chiropractors, at which **Dr. Allan Gross,** chief of orthopedic surgery at Toronto General and Mount Sinai Hospitals, was the speaker. Medical Professions Chairman, **Dr. Harry Krakowsky,** also addressed the meeting.

A whole contingent of students joined practising chiropractors, as did Professor **Alfred Rozeiu.**

Chiropractors present included: **Drs. Garey Awenus, Jerry Cott, Les Douglas, Bernard Fruitman, Larry Frydman, Brian Kleinberg, Pierre Le Brun, Jeffrey Lustig, Philip Martin, Joel Nathanson, Zak Rivietz, Judy Rosenberg, Ben Israel, Jacob Ben Israel, Jacob Scheer, Lorne Shulman, Avram Sussman, Stanley Tanenbaum** and **Rafi Preter.**

Students who came out were: **Steven Brown, Gary Dadoun, Joey Dimerman, Laurie Friedman, Louis Garfinkel, Paul Kowal, Vladimir Levitan, Karen Morris, Ron Nusbaum, Alan Schell, Mark Shrott, Kathy Vertesi, Jeff Weininger, Corey Ross, Howard Mandel, Brian Gelberzon, Anita Rosenberg, Ilya Nudelman.**

Wow!

The committee conducting the meeting included Drs. **Toffy Kobrossi, Joseph Naiman** and **Howard Vernon.**

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Organizations and People

Sheila Engel, (left), 1st vice-chairman, UJA Women's Division, chats with Yael Dayan, (centre), while chairman Anne Handelman, chairman, looks on approvingly.

UJA speech

Time for Israel's priorities

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

A new lexicon and different frame of reference is needed with regard to Diaspora thinking on Israel, Yael Dayan told 200 women at a United Jewish Appeal Women's Division pledge card pull-in.

"Israel's survival is no longer in question," she stated. "Our defence situation has never been better nor less threatening. But we have to move one step further and focus on the kind of existence and quality of life Israel faces."

Dayan, who was in Toronto for a speaking engagement at the Jewish Book Fair, began by citing her proclivity for UJA and noted that before addressing other groups, she's usually reminded by her hosts that "this is not a UJA function.

"Now it is time to look inward for Israel's priorities," she said. The sacrifices endured by Israelis due to the country's austerity program have been dramatic, but worth it, she claimed. "For the first time the shekel is stable and there is a beginning of faith in our currency."

Dayan told the women that unlike Israel, Canada is "a finished product" with its gerography, laws and borders set. "We in Israel feel privileged to be able to shape our future."

Israel, she continued, is in the high-tech forefront among the world's developed countries and in order to keep up with new technology, retraining as well as higher education for the young, must be seen as a top priority.

Touching on the Ethiopian Jews now living in Israel, she said they too have a role to play in Israel's future. "It is not enough to provide them with food, shelter and freedom. There is so much more. They must be encouraged and trained to reach for excellence."

It would have been easy, she said, to have kept them on a bread and shelter level in the Negev Desert, "but that would make Israel just another Middle East country, not the special place it is and must be."

Women's Division chairman, Anne Handelman, reported that this, the first major pull-in of the 1986 campaign, attracted the largest attendance of any previous similar function. Complete results have not yet been tabulated, but she expects substantial increases on the large number of cards brought in.

Esther Markish to speak

TORONTO —

Esther Markish, widow of renowned Yiddish Soviet poet Peretz Markish, and Michael Posner, foreign editor of Maclean's, will participate in the upcoming International Human Rights Day Program at Beth Tzedec Congregation, the Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress has announced.

Esther Markish is touring cities in Europe and North America to commemorate her late husband's 90th birthday. Peretz Markish was murdered on the orders of Josef Stalin in Lubianka Prison on Aug. 12, 1952.

Markish will speak on the historical background of Jews during those black days, and screen recently discovered film that included her husband.

Posner, who recently completed a tour of the Soviet Union, is preparing a major article for Maclean's on the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Geneva. He will speak on current issues and future hopes of the Refusenik community for freedom.

The program, sponsored by Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, Beth Tzedec Congregation and the committee for Soviet Jewry of the CJC, begins at 8 p.m., Dec. 3, at the synagogue (1700 Bathurst St.).

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Organizations and People

Executive director of federation, JCC

Brail appointed to Hamilton community post

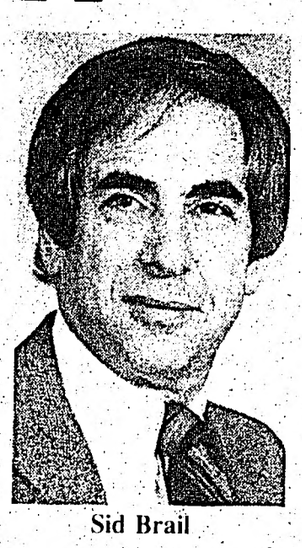
By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Sid Brail has been appointed executive director of both the Hamilton Jewish Foundation and the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre, federation president Leslie Pasis and JCC president Harvey Waxman have announced.

For the past year Brail has been serving as JCC interim executive director on a part-time basis, commuting from Toronto. The Hamilton JCC has been without an executive director since 1982 because of the early retirement, due to ill health, of Sam Brownstone.

Federation executive director Samuel Soifer, although officially retired



Sid Brail

since last April, meanwhile agreed to continue in his post until the appointment of a successor.

A native of Vancouver, Brail holds a Bachelor of physical education degree from the University of British Columbia and a Master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.

He has more than 20 years experience working in major city Jewish community centres throughout North America. His wife, Judy Taub of Montreal, is an occupational therapist and the couple have two children, a 16-year-old son, Les, and a daughter, Shauna, 15.

Brail says he would like to see the federation re-establish itself as the primary communal organization. He commended the Hamilton community for having done so well in its UJA campaign over the last two years but feels it is capable of "achieving new goals."

For the JCC his most immediate concern is to complete plans for the move to the west end and the eventual building of a new centre. In the meantime "it is important to build programs that will provide a solid base."

The JCC's out-of-the-way location and inadequate facilities have long been blamed for the vicious circle of dwindling membership resulting in reduced funds and fewer programs. An energetic interest in the JCC, particularly among families with young children.

"A lot of things are moving forward," notes Brail "but you can't turn a downward trend around in six months. It will take a lot of hard work."

Meanwhile he will continue to commute. "It's not a question of not moving to Hamilton, it's a question of not moving, period."

The reason, he explains, is that he does not wish to interrupt his children's education. The Brails have decided to remain in Toronto until their children have completed high school.

In any case, he points out, "it takes 45 minutes to get downtown by subway and 55 minutes to get to Hamilton. That's no big deal." He will stay late for evening meetings "and when the weather is terrible, I'll stay over."

A direct phone line has already been established and he can be contacted at any time in case of emergency.

Brail is looking forward to meeting with all local organizations and groups.

"I hope we can develop a real sense of community. Hamiltonians," he says, "tend to sell themselves short, far too short of what the community is really capable of."

Winnipeg seniors find answers on Info-Line

WINNIPEG —

It takes sensitivity and a sympathetic ear to make the Jewish Child and Family Service's Info-Line work and staffperson Celia Hendler is fitting the bill in English and Yiddish at the popular information and referral service for Jewish seniors.

Introduced in April and funded by the United Way, Info-Line enables callers to find out about health services, transportation, community events and programs as well as recreational, educational and religious activities in Winnipeg. A major advertising blitz took place in the spring with posters, brochures and phone stickers distributed throughout the city.

Sometimes the question asked by a caller is really a "between the lines" plea for help. It is then that Hendler will refer the call to one of the professional social workers.

Only when she is required to do some further research will she request a phone number. The anonymity of the caller is respected at all times. And although Info-Line is directed at Winnipeg's elderly Jewish population, no individual is restricted from using the service.

To call Info-Line, dial 947-1288.

Plea for help

Hendler says she has found the Info-Line experience to be interesting and very gratifying. Although she has a vast amount of information at her fingertips, she is occasionally greeted with a "toughie."

The detective work in finding the answer can lead to many interesting discoveries about available services and programs, Hendler says.

With the service offered in both English and Yiddish, Hendler can respond to many questions from people who would otherwise be frustrated in trying to express their concerns in English. On occasion, she has acted as advocate in finding the information, and then letting the caller know in Yiddish what the alternatives are.

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BOND VOYAGE

The first ever legal Mission to Israel will be a joint conference with the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. The Chairman of the Mission, Allan Cooper Q.C., Martin Kerbel Q.C. and Michael Lewis, are anticipating many of their fellow lawyers will be joining them. The Mission is scheduled from May 11 to May 26. For information please call Barbara Isenberg at 789-3351.

LEGAL DIVISION IN FULL SWING

November and December are the months for the Legal Division. (l. to r.) Jeffrey Kaufman, Associate Chairman; Bert Raphael Q.C., Legal Division Chairman, and Ron Hoffman, Associate Chairman, are the organizers of the phone solicitation blitz. The committee consists of 80 individuals who will contact colleagues for 1985 Israel Bond commitments.

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Organizations and People

Book describes how 6 brothers created financial empire

Winnipeg's Cohen recounts rags to riches story

By
GENE TELPNER

WINNIPEG —

The Entrepreneurs, a book by Winnipegger Albert Cohen sub-titled "The Story of Gendis Inc.," is truly a rags to riches tale worthy of Horatio Alger.

It could also be called The Brothers, because the six remarkable sons of impoverished Russian immigrants created a cross-Canada financial empire.

"Mother and dad always lamented the fact they never had a daughter, but when all of us got married they had the joy of getting six loving daughters," smiled Albert over coffee in Winnipeg's Westin Hotel.

The other brothers are John, whose nickname is Chauncey; Harry, Morley, Samuel, and Joseph who is the youngest. Although Albert is not the oldest brother, many years ago he assumed with brotherly acclaim the presidency of the far-flung organization.

"It just seemed that I took over the leadership in the early years when we were still striving for success, we all agreed that there has to be one spokesman." Then he smiled again, saying, "I guess I never made any serious mistakes over the years."

If there were any business mistakes it would be difficult to notice in an empire that includes Sony, Metropolitan Stores, SAAN Stores, Greenberg and Green Stores, Trimac Limited which is gas-oil holdings, and much more.

The brothers live in the major Canadian cities — only Albert and younger brother Samuel reside in Winnipeg which is the head offices of the Gendis Corporation.

"My lifestyle hasn't really changed with success. My wife Irena and I still are in the same home we bought more than 25 years ago," Albert explained.

Although Gendis scored many early successes in business, particularly with the Papermate Pen, it was Albert's 1955 meeting in Japan with the fledgling Sony company that really took the company into stratospheric heights.

Said Akio Morita, who is chairman and chief executive officer of Sony Corporation in Tokyo, "Albert Cohen was the first person to introduce Sony's transistor radio to a market outside Japan. We met in Tokyo when he ordered the first lot of radios, the TR-55."

Albert, who prefers to be on a first-name basis with people rather than a "Mr. Cohen" salutation, makes no secret either in person or in the book that it was Sony that changed the entire success picture for the brothers.

It was a far cry from having publisher Jack McClelland fly to Winnipeg for an autograph signing party in Albert's honor to the humble beginnings of the brothers in Winnipeg's north end.

Four of the boys had to sleep in one room, two others shared a tiny bedroom with their mother and father. There was no heat in the house, and Albert recalled that they had to let a kitchen tap run to keep the water pipes from freezing.

"I really didn't have a teenage life like normal kids. It seemed we had to hustle and work all the time just so the family could make ends meet. All of us sold candy on our bikes . . . we were always very conscious of our poor financial condition."

The immaculately-groomed president of one of Canada's largest companies still remembers clearly how ashamed he was going to school with patches on the seat of his pants.

The young Albert sold papers on the street with brother Morley, worked for Gladstone and Karr shoe stores, and delivered parcels for a drug store at 10¢ a trip.

"We had to bring home every penny because the family needed it," he said.

Now, with their ultra-rich status, all of the Cohen brothers are devoted to numerous charitable interests. They are firm supporters of the Variety Club, and at the Vancouver convention of the organization made a donation of $250,000.

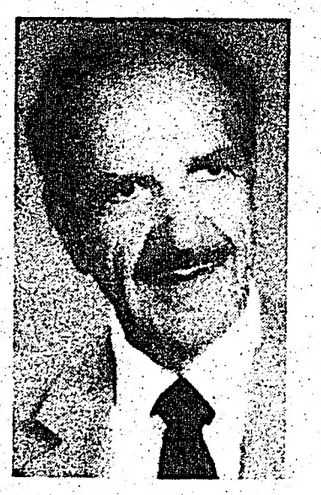
In Winnipeg, Sam Cohen has been a tower of strength for the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation, part of a Catholic hospital operated by the Grey Nuns.

"Sam always said even though we never had a sister of our own, we gained numerous sisters from the wonderful Grey Nun organization," Albert exclaimed.

It was a "handshake" with Japan's Akio Morita that confirmed the Sony contract, and the Cohen family still maintain extremely close personal relationships with the Sony "family."

"Of course we brothers have very close ties with each other. Certainly there has been controversy at times. Six people can't agree on everything! But when a decision is made, we stick to it. We are brothers, and blood is thicker than water."

Albert says his companies take pride in the fact they have not been involved in any proxy fights.



Albert Cohen

"No one can ever say we took advantage of anyone in business. However, success doesn't come without creating some enemies."

All the Cohen brothers take seriously their obligation to support community endeavors. In Calgary, the Cohen family took the lead in the development of the new arts-entertainment complexes.

Albert, a lover of the arts, has played a major role in development of the world-renowned Manitoba Theatre Centre where he served as president for several years.

Success has its benefits. A second home in Portugal where he and Irena vacation whenever time permits; relations with fellow tycoons across the world; friendship with celebrities; and Albert's honor with the Order of Canada.

One of the friends Albert met many years ago was author Ian Fleming in the days before James Bond became a household word in literature and films. "Ian and I met through mutual friends including Howard Webster of the Globe and Mail. We really hit it off, Ian sent me a copy of one of his first books, I read it on a plane and found it fascinating."

The next time Albert and Fleming got together, it was at the Savoy Hotel in London, and they had a lengthy conversation.

"I told him that the books were great, and that they certainly had possibilities for television or the movies. Neither of us dreamed at the time that they could turn into the most popular films of all time."

However, Fleming did take Cohen's advice to invest in Metropolitan Stores, a recommendation that apparently paid dividends to the man who was to make James Bond a household word.

"Years later Fleming phoned me to say that one of his books, Dr. No, was being made into a film. He also mentioned in that conversation that they were hiring a young actor named Sean Connery to take the part of James Bond."

The rest, of course, is history.

In real life, Albert Cohen and his attractive wife Irena have stories to tell worthy of a Bond book. Irena, who still studies ballet three times a week and is willow-trim, lived in Czechoslovakia when she and Albert met.

He spirited her out of the country with great difficulty, and when they returned years later the Iron Curtain came close to shutting on them for good.

Albert Cohen, even though he has a book to his credit that could move up the best-seller list, remains a very private individual who never seeks publicity. You might even say that he is living proof that "nice guys" don't necessarily finish last.

Shechter gets research chair

TORONTO —

Prof. Yoram Shechter, whose research is reportedly providing new insights into the multiple metabolic functions of insulin, has been appointed first holder of the Charles H. Hellenberg Professional Chair in Metabolic and Diabetes Research at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, the institute has announced.

The chair, established by the friends and associates of the eminent Toronto physician and scientist, reflects Hollenberg's own significant contributions to, and expertise in, lipid (fat) and carbohydrate metabolism, particularly as related to diabetes mellitus, the institute said.

Hollenberg was professor and chairman of the department of medicine (Sir John and Lady Eaton professor of medicine) of the University of Toronto until 1981 when he became the Charles H. Best Professor of Medical Research and director of the Banting and Best Diabetes Centre at the University of Toronto.

Shechter, of the institute's department of hormone research, is investigating the functions of insulin, which appear to go far beyond its role in sugar metabolism.

It has been shown that insulin is also a vital growth factor. Shechter is particularly interested in the fact that while almost every cell requires insulin for normal growth, division and differentiation, some types of cancer cells will wildly replicate even in the absence of the hormone, the institute said.

He is investigating this phenomenon to see whether making such cancer cells again dependent on insulin could reverse their abnormal behavior.

A significant factor in this insulin metabolism scenario is the element vanadium, and the scientist recently participated in the discovery that in certain cells vanadium mimics the action of insulin. He is now attempting to find why this is so, and whether cancer cells which no longer need insulin are perhaps using traces of vanadium instead.

Shechter is also investigating antibodies that form in certain patients under insulin treatment and which display insulin-like actions. When more is known about them, such antibodies could conceivably provide diabetic patients with alternatives to insulin injections.

He also participated in the discovery that a common antibiotic prevents appearance of insulin shock in animals, a finding that may eventually lead to improved treatment of diabetes.

Born in Tel Aviv in 1941, Shechter received his PhD from the Weizmann Institute in 1975. He joined its hormone research department in 1979.

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Fairy tales used as aid in psychiatry

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Fairy tales, as a large audience of students, faculty, educators, parents and anyone else who cared to come, learned, aren't only for children. In fact, says Bruno Bettelheim, they were never meant for children in the first place and what's more, they can play an important role in the treatment of the mentally disturbed.

Bettelheim, giving the third and final of his guest lectures at McMaster University, and his topic was Literature and Fairy Tales. In the two previous lectures, the 82-year-old Austrian-born psychologist spoke on the topics, The Problems of the Modern Family and Psychoanalysis Then and Now — from Vienna to Chicago.

Survivor of Dachau

Bettelheim, a survivor of Dachau and Buchenwald who emigrated to the U.S. in 1929 and became famous — and frequently controversial — for his treatment of emotionally disturbed children and his contributions to the study of a wide variety of subjects ranging from child-rearing and family structure to kibbutz life, the Holocaust and the meaning and importance of fairy tales.

Fairy tales, he told his audience, are really folk tales, often very ancient and handed down to us in innumerable versions through the ages. The oldest tale known is one that originated in Egypt more than 4,000 years ago, "a cautionary tale on many levels . . . of sibling rivalry and with an oedipal element." So "taken with it" were the Jews of Egypt that they adapted it and incorporated it into the Bible — to become the story of Joseph and his Brethren, he said.

Folk tales, Bettelheim said, became fairy tales for children only in relatively recent times, when we adopted "one way of life for children and a different way of life for adults," resulting in "one of the greatest damages done to parents and children."

Fairy tales, he advised, should always be read aloud to children, even when they are well able to read themselves.

To the delight of his audience, Bettelheim analyzed one of the tales from 1,001 Nights told by Sheherazade who, he said, "was probably the first psychotherapist in history."

The therapeutic value of folk tales for "people in distress and people with problems" was well recognized in ancient Persia and India and even today, in small Indian villages, the method is practiced in much the same way as in ancient times, he said.

The "deeply afflicted person," he explained, goes to a temple to seek out a priest or wise man and tells him his story. "Like a good psychoanalyst," the wise man listens, allowing the sick person to take as long as he wants — which is probably of greater value to the patient, he noted, than the currently accepted 50-minute hour.

When the "patient" has finished, the priest withdraws to meditate, frequently overnight. When he returns, he tells the "patient" a carefully selected folk tale upon which the "patient" in turn has "to meditate or sleep over or dream of."

He is then sent home and sooner or later he recognizes that the tale indicated "not only the cause of his affliction but also the best way to overcome it. He may then be cured or partially cured but at any rate, has derived much benefit."

A well-selected and carefully meditated upon folk tale can have a curative influence on even the severely afflicted but a cure can be effected only, Bettelheim said, if people themselves recognize that the illness was not caused by fate alone but that they themselves contributed to it.

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Organizations and People

Journalist-author Stevenson slams UN "lie"

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism is an attack not only on Jews, but on democratic values cherished by the Western world says journalist and author William Stevenson.

Stevenson, author of A Man Called Intrepid, Strike Zion, and 90 Minutes at Entebbe, twice brought an audience of 400 to their feet in appreciation.

The white haired veteran correspondent and former (WWII) naval pilot spoke recently on The New War Against The Jews at Pride of Israel Synagogue.

Sponsored by the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and the Toronto Zionist Council, the meeting marks the 10th anniversary since the resolution was passed.

Gideon Saguy, consul general of the State of Israel in Toronto, and John Oostrom, MP for Willowdale introduced Stevenson with greetings and comment.

Oostrom slammed the UN for being a "soap box for expressing non-democratic values."

Saguy, noting recent terrorist attacks, said Jews can no longer be killed with impunity: "There is the State of Israel...and we will look after our fellow Jews."

Stevenson "a non-Jew speaking to the Jewish community" captured the audience's attention almost immediately.

"Here is a resolution saying Zionism is racism, which I read as 'Jews are racists.' I may say as a non-Jew that it is not paranoid to see this resolution as a warning.

"The problem for those in the non-Jewish community is that we fail to see anti-semitism for what it is."

Stevenson said he found photos proving that the Allies could have bombed the concentration camps during World War II. And the inmates of those camps begged that the death machine be stopped, but nothing was done.

If during the war we did so little to help the Jews what are we doing today? he asked. This troubling question prompted him to write about what happened to Jews during the war.

Eclipse, a novel in the form of a thriller (to reach a broader audience) will be published by Doubleday in March.

Israel has become the target of those who hate Jews because it is the protector of Jews, Stevenson declared. "The UN has become the most concentrated arena of anti-semitism since Hitler," he added.

And Stevenson credited the Soviet Union with fomenting that anti-semitism; and the PLO has adopted Soviet tactics and terminology.

"Acts of terror against Israel are linked to acts of terror everywhere else. If they break Israel, the Soviets will extend their area of operation."

The UN has fostered that objective by acting as a "megaphone to broadcast this hate against Israel."

And, said Stevenson while we do not need the UN to serve any valuable purpose, the institution must be reformed. "A lie against the Jews is a lie against the democratic values we all share."

The meeting closed with a unanimous endorsement to send a telegram to the leaders of the Western nations as well as the UN demanding that the resolution be overturned.

North York's Lastman wins his seventh term

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

It was a municipal election with few surprises and upsets in Metro Toronto, as North York Mayor Mel Lastman was returned to office to begin his seventh term as mayor of Canada's 5th largest city.

Despite the high profile of Lastman's chief opponent Barbara Greene, Lastman garnered 72% of the vote to Greene's 24%. Nick Iamonico came in third with 4% of the vote.

Lastman was jubilant following his victory, saying he would emphasize completing the development of North York's downtown during the upcoming 3-year term.

When North York council reconvenes Lastman will find himself facing a collection of old and new faces on the board of control.

Once again Esther Shiner garnered the most votes in the race for the four seats on the board of control, thereby ensuring her place on council as deputy mayor. Veteran Bob Yuill was also returned, along with Norm Gardner, who was nudged off the board in 1982.

Filling the fourth controller's spot is former ward 4 alderman Howard Moscoe, who beat out former ward 5 alderman Mike Foster.

While Shiner and Yuill were easily returned to office, the same could not be said for their offspring, Barb Shiner and Donald Yuill, who were defeated in close races for aldermanic seats.

Paul Sutherland, son of former controller Bill Sutherland and former alderman Betty Sutherland, fared better then his contemporaries, winning the aldermanic race in North York's ward 14. Among the victors in the aldermanic races was Milton Berger, reelected in ward 6 and Irv Chapley, who was returned in ward 7.

In the race for North York school board trustees, Elsa Chandler was acclaimed in ward 4 and Mae Waese was reelected in ward 7.

In the City of York things weren't looking up for incumbent controller Phil White as he took 31% of the vote, thereby losing his seat on the city's board of control. Alderman Ben Nobleman was acclaimed in ward 1.

Assaulted women in Toronto can telephone new crisis line

TORONTO —

Assaulted Women's Helpline, the first co-operative Metro Toronto-wide 24-hour telephone crisis line for assaulted women was inaugurated recently by John Sweeney, Ontario minister of community and social services.

Sweeney said the Helpline's telephone number — 863-0511 — will be answered by trained staff around the clock, seven days a week.

"One of the most exciting aspects of this line is that we have brought together the important groups — the Community Information Centre, the Distress Centre and seven Transition homes," said the minister. "We're all working together on this one."

Among the main features of the new $211,000 project will be the maintenance and up-to-date listing of about 900 general social services and programs in the Metro area. In addition, the project will emphasize in-depth information on existing services — specifically for women assaulted in their home.

"The staff, Sweeney said, will provide crisis intervention, access to information, emotional support, linkage to emergency shelter, referrals to other services and, during weekdays, services in several languages."

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Organizations and People

Mortgage burning celebrates 85th

Songs, laughter mark Workmen's Circle birthday

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

With Yiddish songs, lots of laughter and a ceremony to burn the mortgage on their Lawrence Ave. W. building, members of the Workmen's Circle recently celebrated their 85th anniversary.

The Workmen's Circle was started in 1900 by a handful of eastern European Jewish immigrants who came to United States and Canada fleeing from pogroms and oppression. Their goals were to seek a better life for themselves and others by creating a vehicle for mutual aid, health and welfare benefits, insurance protection and a host of fraternal benefits.

As well, they recognized the need for the continuity of Yiddish and Yiddish culture by creating schools and summer camps.

Speaking to 150 members at the aniversary luncheon at the Workmen's Circle building, Dr. Barnett Zumoff, president, said that when the organization began it represented a trend in Eastern European life of a "secular, Yiddishistic, labor oriented, socialistic sector.

"The Movement, as it was known, expressed itself in such things as Yiddish literature and theatre, Jewish unions, Yiddish schools and the Cultural Congress," Zumoff said.

He noted that while the organization has changed from one of poor immigrant laborers to "second and third generation Americans often with considerable economic pretensions and accomplishments to match," their ideals remain the same.

He stressed, however, that this is a different era and younger people view the world differently. "They have a feeling for Yiddishkeit but it is not their first language and professional and business people tend to be less radical than working people," said Zumoff.

But the unchanging essence of the Workmen's Circle remains the same and leadership must be entrusted to the young generation or "there will be no Workmen's Circle.

"I believe that the reason and the hope for our future lies in the unique character of the Workmen's Circle — fraternalism, support for the preservation and strengthening of Yiddish and Jewish culture and liberal activism towards a better world," Zumoff said.

He added that "nowhere else can an American or Canadian Jew of liberal orientation satisfy his need for a particular Jewish identity that does not depend on either religion or Zionism."

Among those who offered their congratulations on the 85th anniversary were CJN columnist J. B. Salsberg, Sam Lipshitz of the New Fraternal Order and Jeremy Baylin, a student at the Workmen's Circle Peretz School.

She'arim holds novelty auction

TORONTO —

She'arim Day School wants you to buy Veronica's Tennant's ballet slippers or a baseball signed by most of the Toronto Blue Jays.

She'arim is auctioning off these and other novelty and gift items on Sunday evening, Nov. 24, to raise money to support this independent communal day school for Jewish children with learning disabilities.

Last year the school raised about $7,500 through its auction, and Edie Kalb, a member of the She'arim Parents Association says, "we want to match it or surpass" this year.

And like last year Kalb hopes there will be standing room only in the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue Sisterhood Hall where the auction is held.

The event will help raise funds for the 6-year-old school for children who cannot learn in the regular day school environment. With a low student-teacher ratio (five students per teacher) and no outside funding, parents bear a heavy burden, Kalb says.

The small school — 43 students from grade 1 to junior high under the leadership of principal Elaine Rubinoff — was started by Rabbi Joseph Kelman and Rabbi Irwin Witty.

A preview of items on the block begins at 6.30, and auctioneer Barry Katz starts the auction at 7.30.

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Organizations and People

Na'amat Pioneer Women told:

Salary a tool to manipulate women, minorities

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"Women and minorities are a cheap source of labor. And by paying us less, industry perpetuates the myth that we are naturally inferior," says Reva Karstadt, the first Jew and the first woman to be elected executive director of a provincial wing of a Canadian political party.

"In today's society, a person's worth often depends on their financial status. Salary, therefore, is used to manipulate workers in the business community," Karstadt told a group of 45 Na'amat Pioneer Women council members selected from 10 cities across Canada to attend an advanced leadership seminar recently at the Viscount Hotel in Toronto.

The 3-day program was planned to enhance the skills of the participants and to improve their knowledge of the history, structure and objectives of Na'amat. National council members with proven leadership ability were selected to encourage them to assume top leadership positions both within the organization and in the community at large, explains Florence Simon, the national president of Na'amat Pioneer Women.

Layah Borod, Na'amat Pioneer Women's chairman of leadership development, (left), with guest speaker Rena Karstadt, executive director of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario), Pearl Mekler, immediate past national president of Na'amat and Florence Simon, the national president of the organization.

Karstadt, the executive director of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario), spoke to the delegates on Canadian Women — in politics, in social action and in the work force.

She noted that she was the first Jewish woman to be appointed as a member of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

"My involvement had primarily been with the grassroots groups and especially Jewish women's groups," Said Karstadt who had a long career as a volunteer and lobbyist which propelled her into political arena.

Reflecting on her study on women, Karstadt observed that "when dealing with things like equal rights, pensions and working women, seniors, sexual assault and family violence," Jewish and non-Jewish needs are universal.

"What was needed," she adds, "was to bring Jewish women's groups such as Na'amat Pioneer Women out of the closet to share your successes in so many avenues with the community at large."

She emphasized that throughout the years, it was women working together who have brought such changes in society as the right to vote, access to education, improved conditions in employment, health care, child welfare, and help for the poor and the elderly.

Describing women's fight for equality which began more than 200 years ago with Mary Wollstonecraft's famous Vindication of the Rights of Women, Karstadt presented an historical perspective.

She commended groups of women such as the Jewish mothers in the early part of this century, who established the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto "so that Jewish doctors and Jewish patients would not be denied access or have to beg for admission to the hallowed halls of medicine."

She pointed out that it was the women of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and other women's groups that fought for better working conditions in the garment industry in North America.

Stressing the strong relationship between gender and poverty, Karstadt quipped, "they knew it without a United Nations report."

She noted that while women represent 50% of the world's adult population and one-third of the official labor force, they account for two-thirds of all the working hours, receive one-tenth of the world income, and own less than 1% of the world property.

"Growing old for women in Canada can be a miserable existence." She says that three out of five women over 65 in Canada, live in poverty.

"It has taken a long time for us to realize that there are people out there who are legislating a way of life and moral code for all of us and we aren't having any input."

It is for this reason, she says, that her involvement was a search for access — access to decision-makers and to power structures that would provide an ability for involvement — and therefore instituting change.

She believes that as long as most unpaid work — housework, helping in a family's business and volunteer work — is performed mostly by women, "our status will largely be determined by the economic importance that society attaches to that work." Pensions for housewives, she adds, would be a first concrete recognition of that value.

Jewish women's groups and those working in education are proven leaders and successful lobbyists, she says. She commended Na'amat Pioneer Women and other Jewish women's groups for their successful lobbying efforts for equal rights. "You have answered our calls many times," she told the delegates.

Karstadt worked with Na'amat volunteers in Winnipeg on a brief on pensions for women which was presented to the federal government.

"We mobilized our network — Jewish women, Catholic women, United Church women and others — and time after time, we proved how crucial everyone's involvement is in making things happen."

Women, she added, have learned participatory skills, responsibilities of citizenship, how to deal with government and the political system.

"Together," Karstadt said, "we will press onward to share more fully in societal, cultural and spiritual equality and actively seek survival goals, not only for ourselves, but for the good of society as a whole."

Other sessions presented at the leadership seminar included one on support for Jewish education, Jewish youth groups and the involvement by Na'amat Pioneer Women in the activities of the Canadian Jewish Congress by Florence Simon, the national president and Pearl Mekler, the immediate past-president.

A session on Canada-Israel issues was presented by Shira Herzog Bessin, the national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Julius Sokoloff, the vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, spoke on the background and structure of the Canadian and World Labor Zionist movements.

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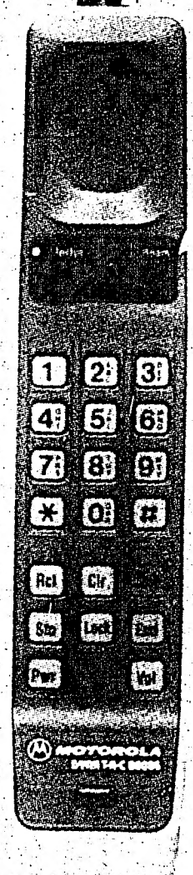

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Organizations and People

Passages in Gospel of John called dangerous

TORONTO —

Distorted Christian teachings about the Jews permeating entire cultures and carried by deep religious feeling led to attitudes that justified inaction or even worse during the Holocaust, says Rev. Fr. Daniel Donovan of St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto.

An awareness of this history has led many churches in the last 25 years to repudiate explicit anti-semitism and to make serious efforts to eliminate false views from theological education, Donovan told a recent colloquium on Theological Reflections on the Holocaust: What does it Mean To Us? arranged by Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

"People have come to recognize that certain formulations and attitudes in the New Testament itself are of such a nature as to provoke anti-Jewish feeling," the audience composed of clergy, Christian education leaders and interested church members at Blessed Sacrament Church was told.

"The tendency, for example, of the Gospels to play down the responsibility of the Romans for the death of Jesus and correspondingly to emphasize that of the Jews is clear. So too is the fact that the portrayal of the Pharisees especially in Matthew's Gospel is one-sided and unhistorical," said Donovan, who also serves as assistant priest at Blessed Sacrament Church.

The use of the generic phrase "the Jews" for the opponents of Jesus in the Gospel of John "is particularly unfortunate," he said, adding that the "notorious formulations" of the 8th chapter of that Gospel where it is said that the Jews are children not of God but of the devil and as such seek to kill Jesus, are "very dangerous indeed."

"The fact that it is John's account of the Passion that is read in many of our churches on Good Friday leaves me concerned about its possible impact," Donovan said.

"In the Catholic liturgy it is one of the most dramatic moments of the entire liturgical year. Even if it is only read and not commented on, there is no guarantee that it will not have an effect on the level of emotions and attitudes."

An event like the Holocaust compels Christians to reflect on their history and theology in a critical way, the Catholic educator said. It is not enough simply to eliminate what is grossly distorting and obviously prejudice-forming in Christian relations, he added.

"We must rethink from the ground up our relationship to Judaism in all its historic moments. We need to reaffirm and to draw on our common heritage."

Christians come closer to Jesus and to his people "the more in a concrete way we appreciate how profoundly Jewish he was," Donovan said. "The God of the Bible is the God of covenant, the God of mercy and grace. He is the Lord of History who does not abandon his people but calls them to a mission of service in the midst of the world."

Christians must come to recognize His continuing covenant with the Jewish people and try to grasp "the mystery of their heroic survival" in the face of so much suffering and persecution, Donovan stated.

"The miracle of Israel and its current struggles for survival and for moral integrity cannot but be a part of our present attempt to understand the meaning of Judaism and its historic destiny," he said.

"As much as we must care about the rights of all peoples, I do not see how the fate of this people in that land can fail to win from us special sympathy and support."

Other speakers at the colloquium included Rabbi Lawrence Troster of Beth Tzedec Congregation and Rev. Elizabeth Kilbourn of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. The moderator was the Very Rev. Bruce McLeod.

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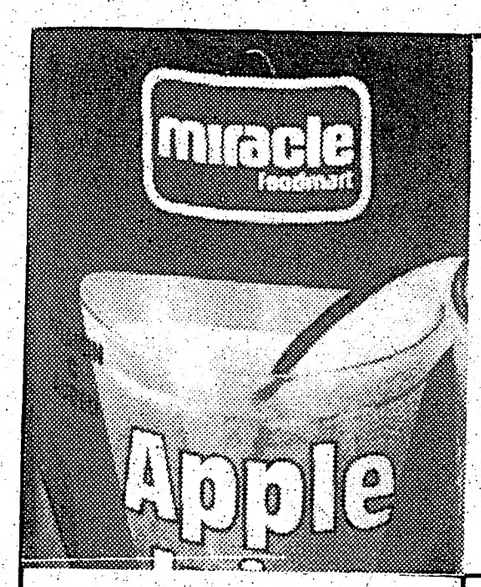

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Fashion

Toronto designer gets sweatsuit elegance

By
LORI SMITH

The elegant sweatshirts created by Toronto designer Marsha Meyers will add style, comfort and versatility to any woman's wardrobe.

According to Meyers, people are surprised to find that a sweatshirt can be dressy.

But she says that women wear her's to the movies, to dinner, to the theatre and even to weddings.

Meyer makes her shirts out of top grade cotton/polyester fleece and designs them in oversized high fashion sytles. But the most unique aspect of her work is her choice of trim.

"I often go to New York City to buy trim and each sweater has a different one. It might be sequins, imported European stones, fur, feathers, leather, satin or beading."

She explains that the trims are all hand-sewn.

Meyer's shirts feature a number of different trim designs. Some have red satin licks of fire at the neck, another has a lightning motif and still another is decorated with seashells and gold embroidery.

She says that last design was inspired by Miami Beach in Florida. The only retail outlets selling her work are in Bal Harbour. The rest she sells at shows or from her home at 59 Luna Lane in Thornhill.

She explains that her shirts were once available in Holt Renfrew's, Lipton's, Harridge's and other small boutiques in Toronto.

"But I found I was able to offer the public a much better price on my own. And I like the people contact."

Meyers says that her shirts are available in many colors: dark green, red, blue, white and seasonal colors. But she adds that black is the big seller.

"I find that most of my client's want a smart looking garment, and black is by far the most popular color. You can wear it anywhere, it's slimming and it's very appealing."

She explains that she likes clothes that are different, tasteful and comfortable. She knows that's what her sweatshirts offer other women.

Marsha Meyers with some of her elegant sweatsuits.

Plan in wardrobe shopping saves time, money, energy

Whether a person is just starting to put a wardrobe together or expanding on what he or she already owns, a battle plan can save time, money and energy.

Debbie Cross, fashion promotion manager at an Ottawa outlet of The Bay, provides tips she calls the Ten Commandments of Fashion Shopping:

— Prepare a plan. Know what you are looking for before you go shopping. This saves time trudging around aimlessly and prevents impulse buying.

— Color co-ordinate. Consider what you already have in your wardrobe and plan your purchases to blend with those colors.

— Select your store or stores. Be familiar with what they carry and get to know the salespeople so they can assist you in your choices.

— Browse before buying. Go "just looking" before you take your wallet out to avoid impulse buying and to find the best prices.

— Seldom splurge. Think before you purchase. Cross uses a simple formula to judge whether big bucks are justified.

"Look at it as cost per wearing," she says. "If it's $150 and you'll wear it 10 times, that's $15 a wearing and worth it. But if it's $150 and you'll wear it twice, that's $75 a wearing."

— Consider comfort. Be comfortable when you're shopping. If all you can think about is how much your feet hurt, you're not going to concentrate on shopping.

Also look for comfort in what you buy. "If you don't feel good, you won't look good," Cross says.

— Balance the bare facts. Be aware of your figure and what clothes suit you.

— Find the fit. This relates to commandments 7 and 8.

Make sure the clothes you buy fit the way they're meant to — that jackets sit properly on shoulders, that shirts don't gape or that waistbands don't bunch up.

— Count on quality. Know the signs of quality — proper finishing, strong seams, good fabric. High price doesn't necessarily guarantee high quality, says Cross.

— Accessorize: Colorful, trendy accessories are a much cheaper way to update last year's clothes than buying a whole new wardrobe each year.

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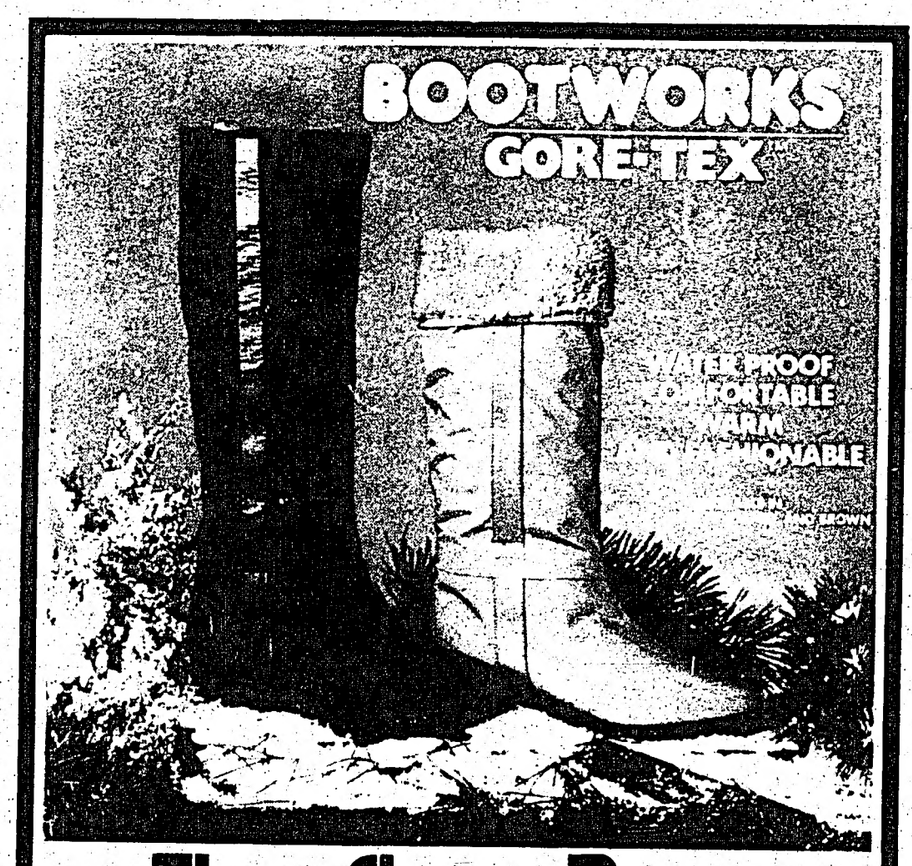

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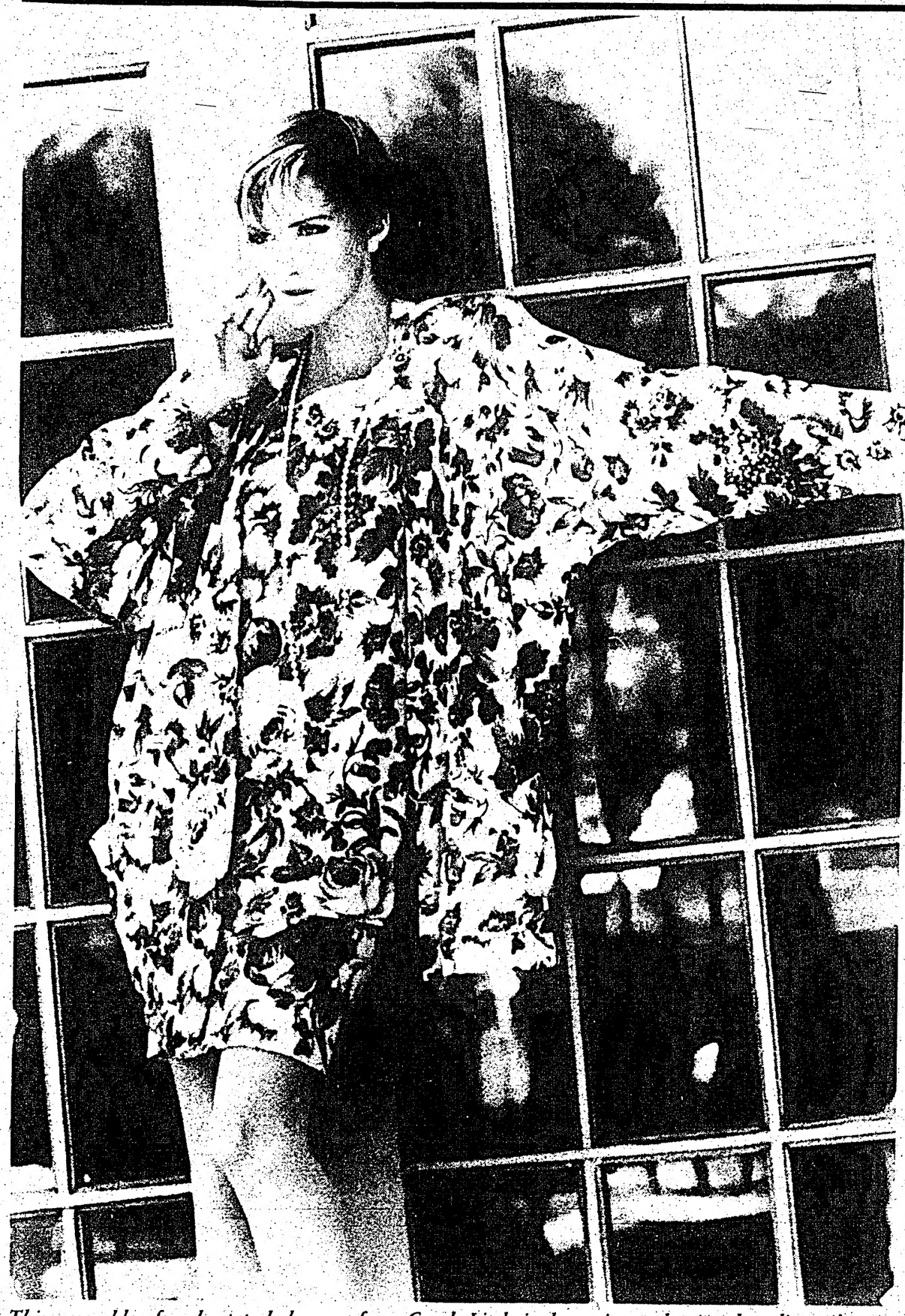

This ensemble of understated elegance from Carole Little is shown in an elongated cardigan ($150) worn over a matching tunic ($120) and slim skirt ($60).

Carole Little's emphasis for this season is a matter of proportion . . . combining American ease with European sophistication by showing longer tops over short skirts or long loose tops over lean skirts and pants.

The jackets, blouses and knits Little has designed are oversized — but not overpowering.

Emphasizing the romantic and the feminine, she has fashioned both tops and bottoms in soft fabrics and colors.

Wool doeskin flannel, wool textured bouele loop and silk broadcloth appear in muted solids of tea rose, cream, charcoal and willow.

These same shades blend together on wool/angora knits and rayon challis printed with a wash of roses.

Two of her silk broadcloth blouses — an oversized work shirt with velcro closure and her wide-cut version of the military shirt are both designed to be worn — shirt tails out.

Creates peasant shirt

In floral print challis, Little also created a peasant shirt and extra full sweatshirt. Long 50s cardigan with drop pockets and a tunic of the same proportions, both in rose garden angora knits, can be paired with matching coordinates or solid colored separates.

Little's long sleek and short hip skimming skirts create a smooth descent for this season's elongated big tops.

"The oversized and elongated proportions on top serve a dual purpose," she explains. "Fullness above the waist gives a sleek, sophisticated look to the rest of the body."

As a special compliment to her collection, Little has designed two multi-stitch handknit wool sweaters that mix with florals and flannels for a casual alternative.

Pants and dresses create a new "body attitude" at the hip and waist, with re-emphasis on the waist through fine detailing.

Little feels all women can be sophisticated, no matter what they wear; it all depends on how adventurous they want to be.

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Stylish furs come of age as serious fashion wear

Animal rights groups may not like it, but sales of Canadian furs are booming.

Canadian fur wholesalers took in $289 million last year, with mink coats the best sellers.

For the last three years, Canadian fur sales worldwide have increased about 15% a year.

In all, about 55% of Canadian furs are exported, up from 37 three years ago.

"Canadians have been aggressive," says Del Haylock, executive director of the Fur Council of Canada.

Styles show a new attitude with designers discarding the traditional "once in a lifetime approach" that has characterized fur for so long.

"Fur has come of the age as serious fashion wear, with so many different personalities for so many different moods," says the council.

Furs now are designed with fashionable touches like deeper armholes to make room for dropped-shoulder sweaters, batwing sleeves, colors like pink and blue and choice of cuts and styles.

The Canadian fur industry is making gains despite soaring sales of South Korean and Hong Kong furs on the world market and especially in the United States, Canada's most important market.

The imports have benefitted from declining fur manufacturing in the United States and from the strong U.S. dollar.

Americans import 50% of their furs today, up from 20% three years ago with much of the gain going to Canadian and Korean fur exporters.

Canadian fur sales in the United States rose 43% this year over last.

Ninety-eight per cent of furs sold are for women, although they're not necessarily receiving them as gifts.

"It used to be a man bought you a fur," says Marybeth Russell, publisher of Elle magazine of New York, in town to promote fur.

"But there's a generation of working women out there who don't think that way. They're buying their own."

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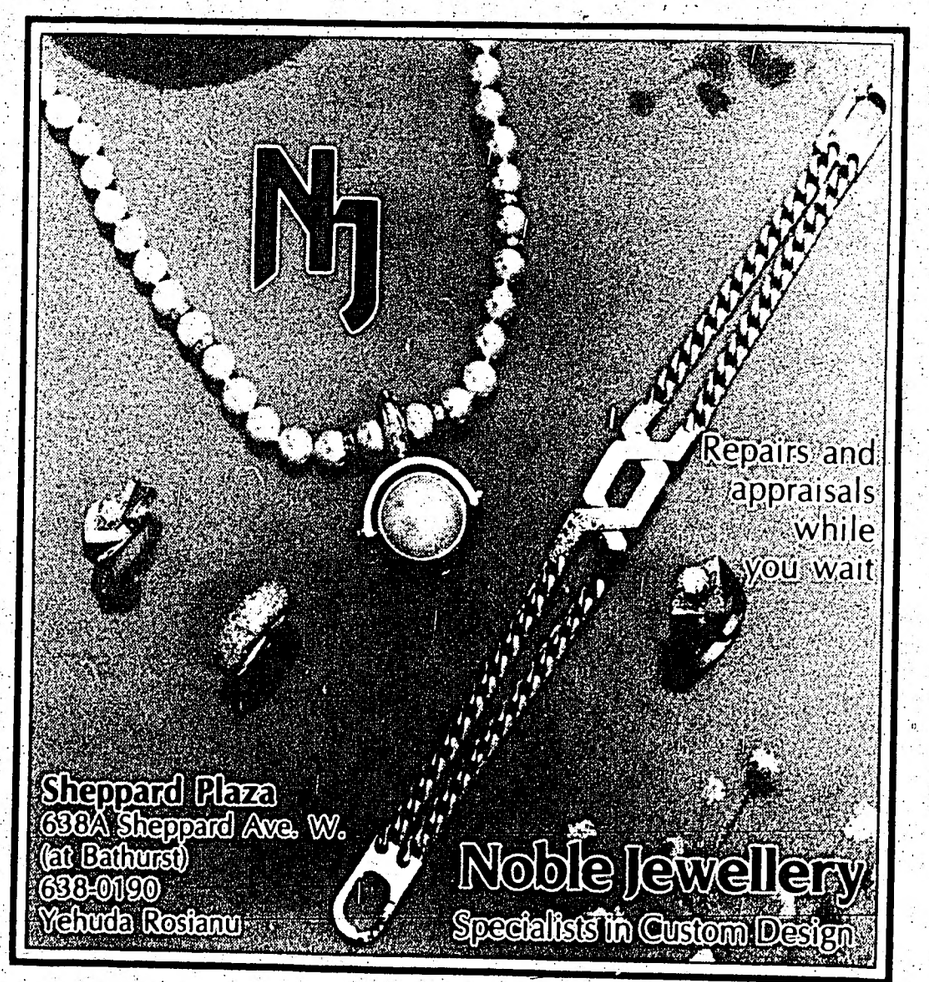

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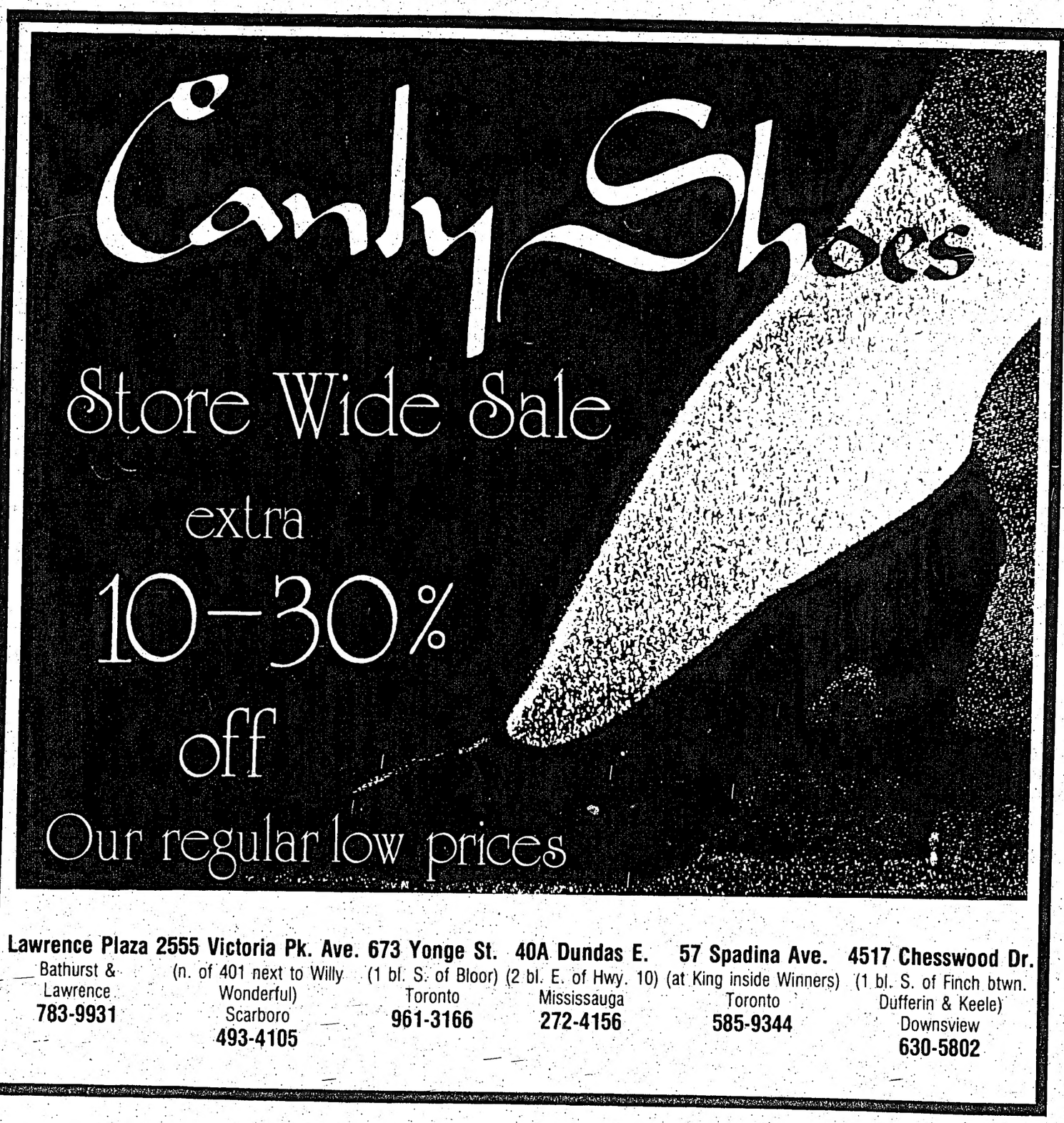
SHELLY STRUTS HER STUFF — Designer Shelly Walsh recently staged a fashion show which included a 3-piece satin back faille cardigan camisole at left, with a pleated skirt featuring yolk detail. In centre, a 3-piece evening suit with lace back moire jacket, halter top and trapunto jacket. At right, a mohair/wool slouch jacket and 100% wool flannel kilt. (Ronny Shinder photo)



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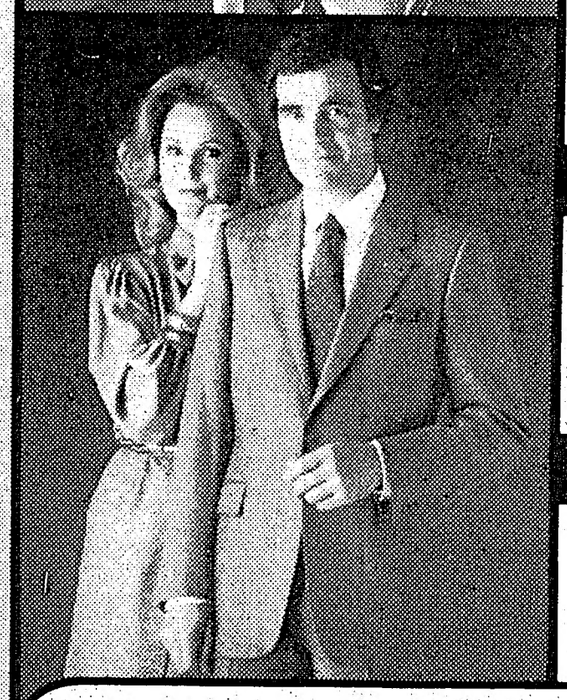
JUST FUR YOU — At left, a lynx (l) and red fox (r) coat from Constantini Furs. Centre, a fox fur coat, also from Constantini. At right, a Canadian crystal fox. Color ranges from black through red and blonde tones. (Ronny Shinder and Fur Council of Canada photos)



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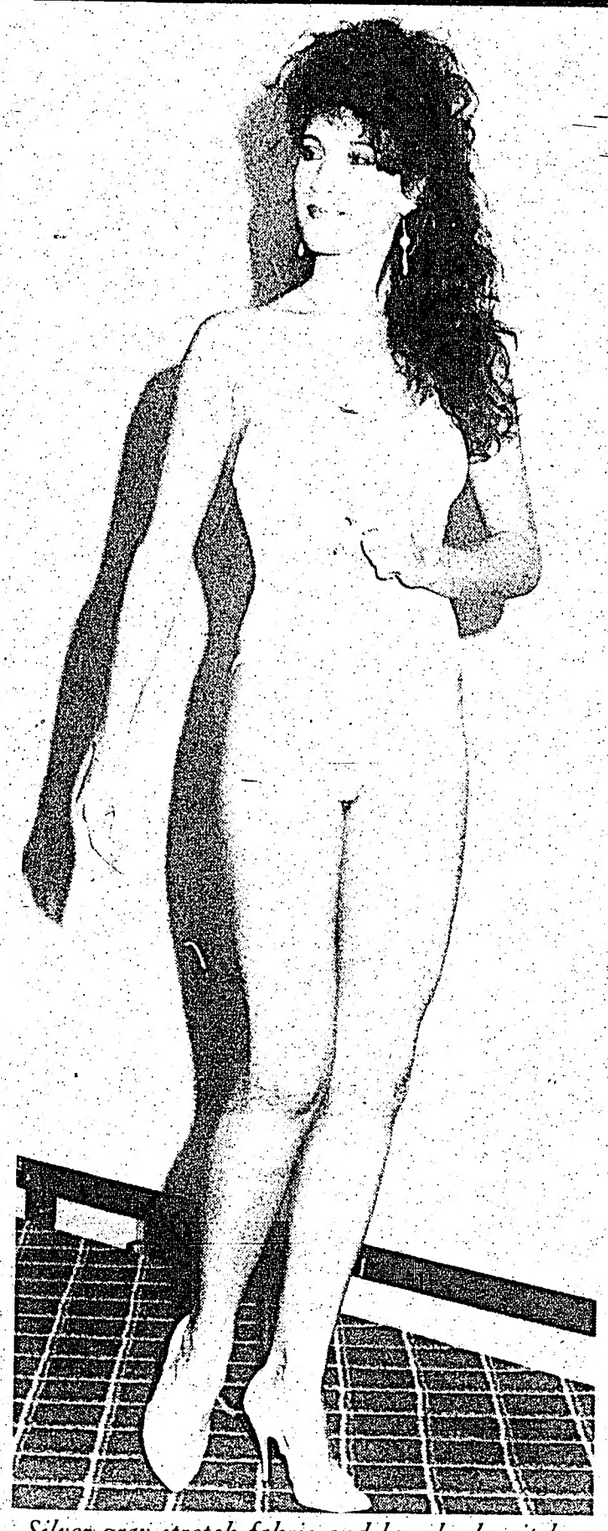


Silver-gray stretch fabric and lace bodysuit by Lovable. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Emphasis placed on femininity in body fashions

By
HILARY HORLOCK

As the cigaret ads say, "you've come a long way, baby," and nowhere is it more evident than in women's undergarments — or in 80s lingo, "body fashions."

Bodyfashions Now, a recent special presentation by the Fashion Group, showcased the latest in bras, panties, slips, teddies and camisols.

While the men's style underwear made popular by Calvin Klein were present, the doyens of underwear design have once again placed the emphasis on feminity. Lace and frills make this year's selection of body fashions a sensual experience.

"Fashion now has no rules, so the options are endless," says June Werker, a freelance fashion designer on special assignment to Playtex Canada.

"Beautiful bodies come in all shapes and sizes and, since you can't exercise away the effects of gravity on your breasts, women wear body fashions. But, they have one cardinal rule — they MUST fit," Werker commented during the show.

Buying the wrong size or style of undergarment can inflict "certain torture" said Werker in a classic understatement.

Yet women constantly rationalize that "if they can get into the size they would like to be, they will look the way they would like to look."

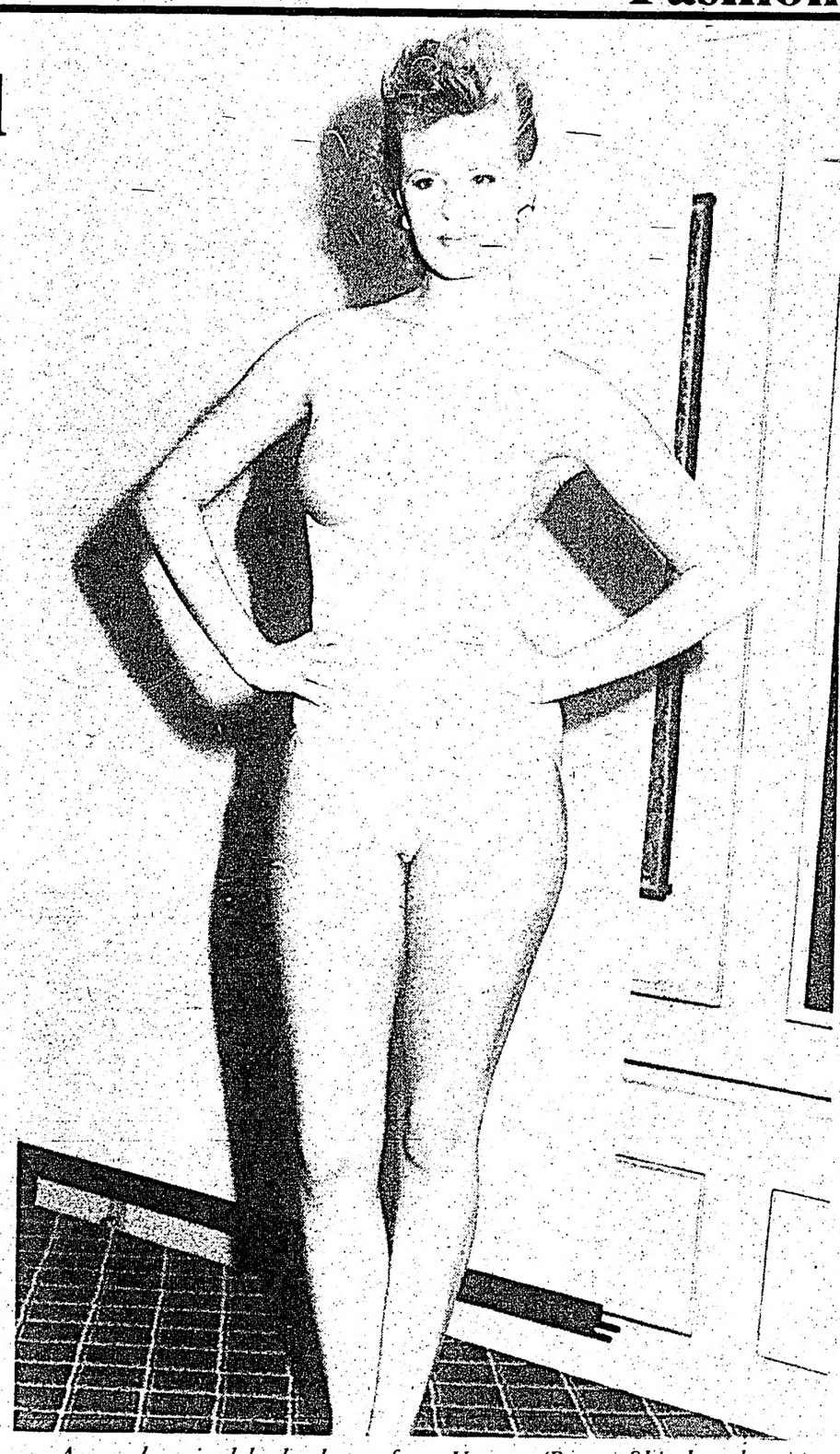
Werker's advice is to find a store with knowledgeable sales staff and to measure carefully before going out to buy.

"There is no substitute for the jiggle and shake in the change room to make certain it fits properly."

Soft colors, lace and silky textures were predominant among the body fashions presented.

Brazil cut bikinis (v-shaped plunges) and very high cut legs were the latest fashion details in all styles.

The fashion influence of rock star Madonna could be seen in the popularity of variations of "merry widow" style bras.



An under-wired body shaper from Vogue. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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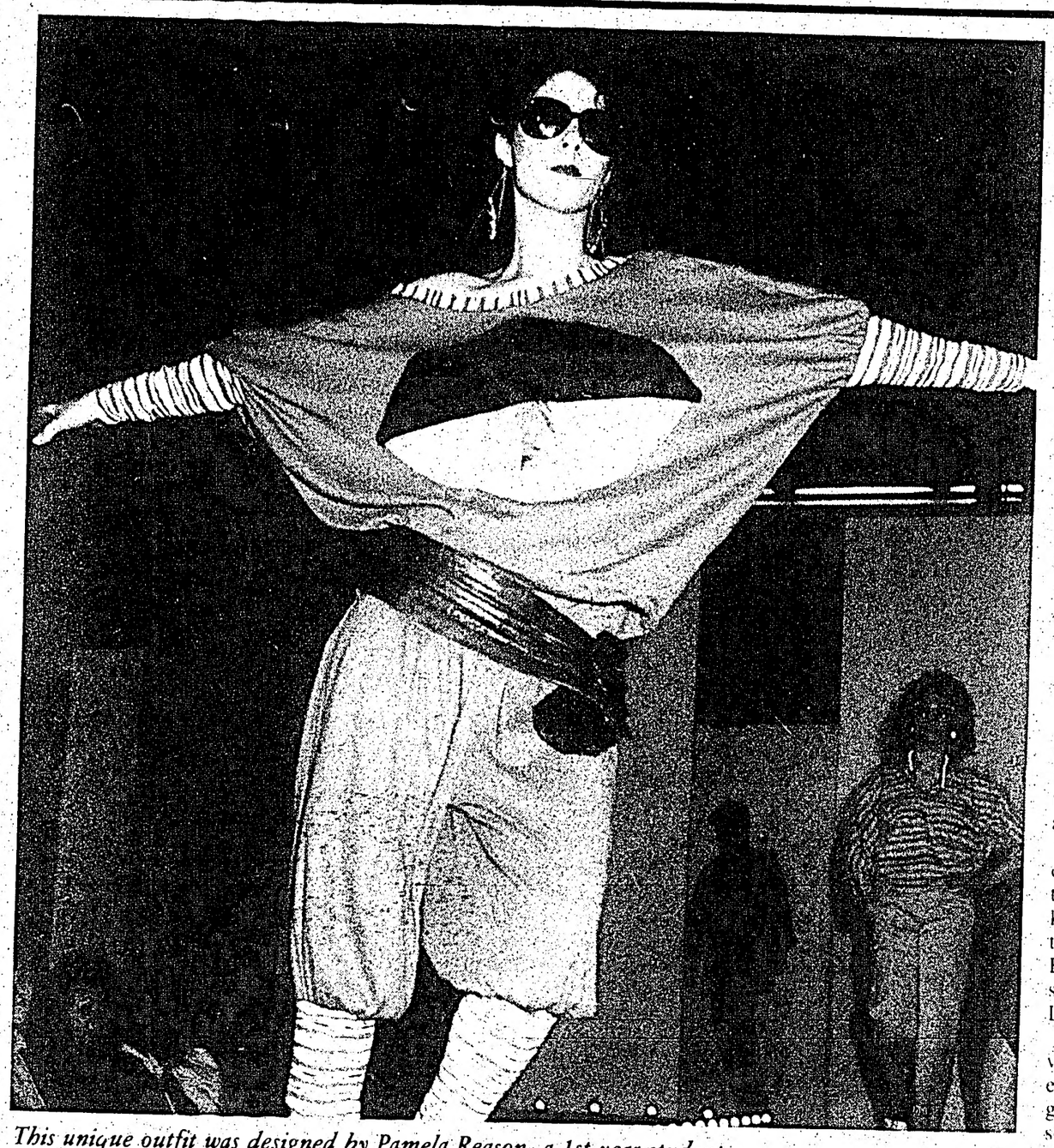

This unique outfit was designed by Pamela Reason, a 1st year student at George Brown College.

Designers need moxie to make fashion name

NEW YORK (AP) — Overnight success is virtually unheard of in the fast-track world of fashion.

To succeed, top design instructors say, newcomers need two things: plenty of moxie and marketing sense.

"Good designers can be very talented, but if they don't push to succeed, they're not going to make it," said Mary Barnard, director of fashion at the Ray College of Design in Chicago.

No amount of exposure is too much for a fledgling designer, the instructors say, and the best vehicle for it is awards and contests offered by industry and design schools.

Fashion awards "help get corporations involved with the schools and get them to know about the talent in the school," said Rosemary Brantley, from Otis-Parsons School of Design in Los Angeles.

"Winning an award is very prestigious. It gives exposure. No matter how good you are, if nobody sees it it doesn't account for much," echoed Selma Rosen, from New York's Fashion Institute of Technology.

Although awards like the Cutty Sark, The Fashion Designers of America and the once coveted but now defunct Coty offer little or no cash reward, the prestige of winning them can be enough to launch a career.

Jhane Barnes, a 1975 FIT graduate, took her creations from store to store before winning a Coty at age 25.

That same year, she also won a Cutty Sark award for her menswear designs, and suddenly the industry took notice.

A licensing company approached her, offering a contract but she turned it down, opting to try to make it on her own.

But finding financial backing was difficult and a few years later, after winning a second Coty, the Hollywood Co. offered to license her designs. This time she did not refuse.

Financing is often the biggest stumbling block for newcomers.

"To get into the big time, you really need a million dollars," said Barnes, who at 31 may not yet be a household name but is fast winning the respect of the industry and recognition from the public.

Fans of television's trendy police drama Miami Vice know Barnes through her designs used in the show.

"No company is going to license a designer unless they have won a lot of awards. It's almost like it's a criteria," she said.

Barnes feels it is essential for design students to learn the business end of the industry by taking marketing courses.

Like Barnes, students from Otis-Parsons, Ray and FIT agreed that their schools did much to prepare them for life after school.

Devin Burt of Otis-Parsons, who has been entered by his school in a new design awards contest for fashion newcomers, says that in addition to winning awards, students benefit by working with established designers willing to critique their work.

"The best thing school provides is the exposure with the (established designers) because we get first-hand experience with them," said Burt.

In effect, that lets students "start our carer now, not when we graduate," he added.

Graduates from the three top design schools are guaranteed some type of job in the industry through the schools' placement programs, which continue to assist them years after they have left.

"The bulk of (graduating) students are placed in the assistant designer position," which could mean anything from sketching and draping to working with salesmen, Rosen says, and most will hold two or three jobs before winning some recognition.

How many students actually make it? That depends on your definition of success, the three school heads say.

FIT, whose most famous alumni is Calvin Klein, estimates about 50% of its graduates achieve success but never become household names.

"The number of people who work very successfully for big houses and are known in the industry is a fairly large percentage," Rosen says.

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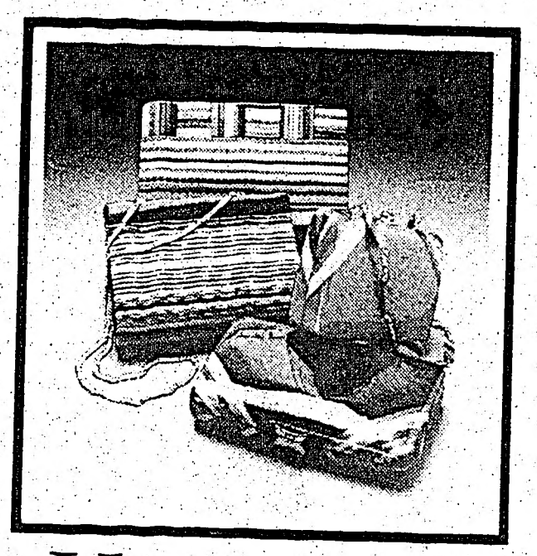

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Fashion show set for students

By LORI SMITH

The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is offering full-time fashion design students in Toronto a chance to participate in a major fashion show this spring.

At a recent press conference Soo Wong, vice-president in charge of public education for the Toronto chapter of the Canadian CF Foundation, Suite 210, 2 College St., said that the theme of the show is Chasing a Dream and its purpose is to fulfill the dreams of young fashion designers by showcasing their work and to help realize the dream of finding a control or cure for CF by raising public awareness of the need for research.

The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the second lagest, non-governmental granting agency in the field of CF research in the world, reports that next to cancer, more children die of CF than any other disease. It is a hereditary disease that primarily attacks the lungs and the digestive system.

Drs. Lap-Chee Tsui and Manual Buckwald, geneticists at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute, found a "marker" in a gene that they believe is close to the gene which causes CF.

Now researchers are within 1% of identifying that gene. The Young Designers' Show willl raise funds to help further that research.

In order to be eligible for the show on March 5, students must enter the Young Fashion Designer Contest.

The semi-finalists in that competition will be featured in the show, and at that time a panel of judges including designer Shelly Walsh and Toronto Life fashion editor Nancy Hastings, will choose first, second and third prize winners and award 14 honorable mentions in each of the two categories — day wear for Spring 86 and evening wear for spring.

The first place prize is a trip to Expo '86 in Vancouver.

Wong explained that the contestants must be full-time students of fashion design attending a community college, private vocational school or polytechnical institute in Metropolitan Toronto.

Entry forms, which are available at schools and from the office of the Toronto chapter of the CF Foundation, must be submitted to that office postdated up to and including Nov. 30.

Participants must then submit three to six finished garments that have never been used in any fashion show except for school purposes, plus sketches, fabric samples and a 1-page biography to the Toronto chapter CF office by Jan. 24, 1986.

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Sleepwear that can be worn for lounging before bed, rainwear that is both practical and colorful, and playwear that is roomy, comfortable and fashionable are some of the new creations being designed for today's youngsters.

A few of these designers began as retailers, others branched into children's wear as a result of expanding their manufacturing business and others jumped into the market because, as parents, they could not find clothing that met their expectations.

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Arts

A list of outstanding fiction

Books can make ideal Chanukah gift

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Jewish Book Month provides an opportunity for looking back on the past year and choosing a minyan of outstanding volumes. This week's list will deal with fiction; next week's with non-fiction. These selections may be helpful in catching up with noteworthy books missed and for Chanukah gift suggestions.

1. FROM THE FAIR: The autobiography of Sholom Aleichem, Penguin Books, $25.

Here, entertainingly related, are loosely connected episodes of the author as a brash, mischievious child, as a budding student of the Bible increasingly interested in the liberating influence of the Jewish Englightenment, as a hapless lover and as a naif lost in the toils of the big city. Tears mingle with wry humor and poignant charm in this memoir that evokes a vanished world.

2. SOME DAY THE RABBI WILL LEAVE by Harry Kemelman, Macmillan of Canada, $25.

This eighth novel about surprising Rabbi Small will entertain his many followers who are impressed with his nimble wit, chutzpah and virtuoso sleuthing. As in his previous books the author imparts a dollop of information about congregational life and Judaism.

3. THE FIFTH SON, by Elie Wiesel, General Publishing Company, $21.95.

Not vintage Wiesel, but an intriguing story about an unspeakable secret that is harbored by a Holocaust survivor. Rich in vivid pictures and agonizing questions, the author shares his insights about God's silence and the human condition.

4. INSIDE, OUTSIDE by Herman Wouk, Little Brown and Company, $24.95.

For his ninth novel, Wouk has chosen material that is familiar, anecdotal, nostalgic and superficially religious. That process of acculturation to American life often leads to religious and cultural assimilation is a matter of deep concern to the author. This warm, funny, many-sided retelling of 60 years of the American Jewish experience makes for engaging reading.

5. DAVITA'S HARP by Chaim Potok, Random House of Canada, $23.

Davita is reared in the home of devout leftists. Despite the teachings of her parents she discovers meaning and satisfaction in religious belief and practices. Her quest for maturity is long and tortuous. But Davita is determined. She becomes a first-rate student in a traditional school of Jewish learning where she battles for sexual quality against blind and thoughtless discrimination.

6. A PERFECT PEACE by Amos Oz, Academic Press, $24.95.

This disturbing, intelligent, many-sided novel is set in 1965 Israel. The central character is 26-year-old Yonatan Lifshitz, born and reared on Kibbutz Granot. How the protagonist comes to terms with his identity is the burden of this novel, written by a resident of Kibbutz Hulda for over 30 years, and one of the country's most talented writers. It is a powerful, truthful statement about a nation still in flux and the stubborn problems of the generational conflict.

7. THE FIFTH HEAVEN, Rachel Eytan, Jewish Publication Society, $15.95 (U.S.).

This unusual book, a best seller in Israel, makes use of a home for refugee children as an allegory of a divided and eager country on the threshold of statehood. The range of characters are sketched against the background of children who, despite their problems, are filled with an avid determination to survive.

8. ZUCKERMAN BOUND by Philip Roth, Straus and Giroux, $22.50 (U.S.).

This trilogy about the writer Zuckerman concludes with a wild hilarious epilogue. Long and engrossing, this saga is an "aggressive defence of Roth's moral stance as a writer." An enduring achievement by one of America's major writers, this ambitious work is not to be missed.

9. BEFORE MY LIFE BEGAN, by Jay Neugeborn, Simon & Schuster, $18.95 (U.S.).

Often brilliant and unpredictable, this novel about a double identity is concerned with David Voloshin who becomes an involuntary murderer. Encased in a new identity he feels confident until confronted by a twist of fate which forces him to come to terms with his real self.

10. IF NOT NOW, WHEN? by Primo Levi, Summit Books, $15.95 (U.S.).

A major figure in Italian literature, Levi tells the exciting story of a band of Jewish partisans who make the long trek from Russia to Italy in the years 1943-1945. It is a positive, heartening Jewish response to adversity and triumph over a host of evil forces.

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Artist Irene Kott with her watercolor Muskoka Lake Shore in September. [Nicholas Seiflow photo]

Fine Kott watercolors grace corporate offices

TORONTO —

Artist Irene Kott remembers being 6 years old and crammed into two rooms in Romania along with 10 relatives.

As a young Polish war refugee from Crakow, Kott would while away the interminable hours by drawing. By sheer repetition, she became good.

Today, Kott's beautifully expressive and French impressionist-influenced watercolors grace corporate offices, have appeared in several juried shows as well as at the Royal Ontario Museum, and were featured in Beth Tikvah Synagogue sisterhood's annual art exhibit and silent auction.

On top of that, 11 of Kott's watercolors were displayed at the Leah Posluns Theatre as artistic complements to Dori, the musical based on the life of Theodor Herzl.

Kott's talents bloomed after her family moved in 1949 to Montreal, where she studied at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

Her big break was the stuff of, well, big breaks. When she was just 18, no less than Group of Seven artist Arthur Lismer offered Kott a full art scholarship. But she turned it down thanks to a blossoming romance with then law student Bernie Kott.

After their marriage, the Kotts moved to Toronto in 1956 and Irene worked for her husband part-time while raising five daughters. The painting was temporarily put on hold.

When her youngest daughter was in junior high school, Kott returned to her art and registered for a 4-year course of study at the Ontario College of Art, where her mentors included Hugh McKenzie, Richard Robertson and the prominent landscape painter Franklin Arbuckle.

Today, Kott paints land- and cityscapes almost exclusively. The view of Old City Hall from her husband's downtown office window looks almost photographically realistic under her brush.

Kott's watercolors of Chinatown, the Muskoka lake shore and Kensington Market make these and other venues come alive with her delicate but sure handling.

Kott says she could sit painting in the middle of a perfectly quiet forest for hours, or set up an easel at the corner of McCaul and D'Arcy streets to paint a barber shop. She enjoys the ease of watercolor as a medium and the rendering of parks, ethnic neighborhoods and the Ontario countryside, although she sometimes paints oil portraits.

The youthful-looking grandmother says she paints full-time now. "I never stop," she told The CJN.

It was at the urging of her OCA advisor, Abba Bayefsky, that Kott began exhibiting her work. She has had several group shows to her credit and her entry at a University of Toronto exhibit won an award.

Now, a 1-woman show in a trendy Yorkville gallery is a possibility for early 1986. **R.C.**

Leah is bittersweet portrait

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A quiet little film entitled Leah will be one of four cinematic efforts on Jewish themes to be screened at the Bloor Cinema, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24 at 2.30.

This will be the second program by Toronto Film Now, an association of independent Toronto filmmakers.

Leah, a 12-minute snapshot of filmmaker Susan Morry's grandmother, will be shown alongside Derek Roger's Harmony, an 8-minute black satire about a family meal; the dramatic My Reuven, a 22-minute work about a young Jew who impersonates his grandfather, also by Rogers, and David Troster's hour-long Spadina, which chronicles the early settlement of the Spadina Ave. section of Toronto by Jewish immigrants.

But Leah promises to be like no other work in this group. It's a bittersweet portrait of Leah Morry at age 85, alone and lonely in a Winnipeg nursing home.

The film captures Leah's loneliness through a series of dissolves, accompanied by moody piano music. There is no narration, just Leah talking and reminiscing about life in Russia, her birthplace, interspersed with old photographs of long lost relatives.

She remembers seeing Leon Trotsky just before the 1917 revolution. Her sister, we learn, was very beautiful and a good dancer; her grandfather, a rabbi, had a white beard and her mother cooked chicken in a pot.

Memories are all Leah has. The natural sound opening of the film conveys the clinical atmosphere of the home, where Leah isn't happy because she senses it's the "last stop."

Leah is apart from the genre of "grandparent" movies, in which effusive grandchildren tell of the older generation's accomplishments through platitudes. Morry is content to let Leah ramble a bit, sing an old Russian ditty and let the 16mm camera linger about her wrinkled face and bandaged legs.

"I didn't want to get sentimental," Morry, a Winnipeg native, told The CJN. "If I had, no one would have been interested."

Susan Morry

Leah Morry

The effect is a warm, dreamy slice of life work, in which we sense the melancholia of growing old alone.

Sadly, Leah didn't live to see the completed work. She died a year ago at 88.

This is filmmaker Morry's first serious piece. She's been working on it for three years and there are plans for distribution.

Made for $12,000, $8,000 of which came from a Canada Council grant, this little mood piece also speaks on the universal subject of growing old in the mind of an old person, where past and present seem to fuse.

Morry says she wanted to create a mystical, haunting feeling in the film. Those aren't immediately noticeable. Nice may seem an ambiguous word; but it best describes Leah, the film.

Actor Robb Hutter carries film showing generation gap

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The gap between the generations in one Jewish family is seen through the eyes of Derek Rodgers, a young Toronto filmmaker, in his 22-minute short, *My Reuven*.

The film, which will be screened on Nov. 24 at the Bloor Cinema, is carried on the back of one actor, Robb Hutter, who conceived the idea together with Rodgers.

Hutter, in something approaching a bravura performance, plays two roles. At one moment, he is Reuven, an actor who ruminates on his life. At another point, he is Reuven's pious, aging Polish grandfather.

Reuven has mixed feelings about his zayde and his identity. He is obviously fond of the old man, but Reuven is frustrated by his traditionalism and by his attempts to foist his ways on him. He is not ashamed of his Jewishness, but he has no interest in "inheriting" his grandfather's traumas, guilts or tears.

In a series of empathetic vignettes, some of which smack of Philip Roth or Mordecai Richler, Reuven recalls the high points of his life, including his bar mitzvah and his all too brief encounter with a gorgeous "shiksa."

The vignette concerning Reuven's lust for the blonde, Nordic princess is simply hilarious. Regrettably, the same cannot be said of all the vignettes in *My Reuven*. In his effort to differentiate between the values of Reuven and zayde, Rodgers occasionally lapses into poor taste or relies on stereotypical situations to convey a point.

Despite these faults, *My Reuven* holds a viewer, if only on the strength of Hutter's uncanny and chameleon-like ability to imitate zayde's whining, guttural Polish-Jewish accent.

In this light, it is easy to understand why this year's Montreal Student Film Festival chose Hutter as the best actor. He is truly a remarkable performer, even if he gets carried away with himself.

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4-city group starts newsletter

Yiddish meeting proves successful

By
BEN ROSE

GANANOQUE, Ont. — What does one Yiddish-speaking group do when it meets another Yiddish-speaking group (or in this case three other Yiddish-speaking groups)? Answer: They start a newsletter!

At least that's what happened at the recent first Yiddish Weekend at Hill Island Resort here. One result was the decision by Mameh Loshen, Montreal, The Chevrah Group, Ottawa, Friends of Yiddish, Toronto, and a group from Hamilton to establish a network newsletter, to be written and distributed from Montreal where the national office of the Committee for Yiddish of the Canadian Jewish Congress is located.

"The weekend surpasses our expectations," said Bess Shockett, a member of Friends of Yiddish. "We found we could all work together and we had a marvelous time."

The most exciting aspect to Hindy Abelson, another Torontonian, was the significant number of the 80 people who registered who didn't hear Yiddish spoken by their parents (though possibly from their grandparents) and who decided they were missing something important in their lives.

"These are the first of the second generation of Yiddish speakers whose first language is English," said Shockett.

The people attending ranged in age from the early 20s to the mid 60s. Just to be among so many Yiddish-speaking people, some expert and some beginners, "was a high of the most positive kind," said Abelson. "They displayed a tremendous affection for the language."

The weekend became an international one when it attracted four people from Utica, NY, across the border. They were in a general store near the resort and much to their surprise, heard Yiddish being spoken. They were invited to come to the Saturday evening songfest and folk dance . . . which they did. Other special guests included 12 members of the Kingston Jewish community.

Another guest was Chaim Neslin of London, son of Bertha and Norman Neslin of Toronto, who spoke about the four Yiddish-speaking groups in the British capital. He conducts a folksong workshop for these groups and led the group here in old and new Yiddish songs.

Other highlights were a performance by Mameh Loshen of Montreal of an excerpt (translated into Yiddish) of Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan and of dramatic skits by Friends of Yiddish.

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Others are strikingly modern sculptural designs.

Some of Israel's top artists are represented—names like Dudik Swed, Dan Givon and Emil Shenfeld.

Also participating are five potters, whose ceramic menorahs are breathtaking.

Artist Joseph Fleischmann has designed a "pocket menorah:" a small (2 by 3 inches) silver box that opens up to hold eight candles. Perfect for pocket or purse.

Also displaying his wares is Eric Grill, a silversmith of some renown whose credits include a specially commissioned work for Queen Elizabeth.

Many of the artists produced specially commissioned pieces for the exhibit, says owner Dorion Liebgott.

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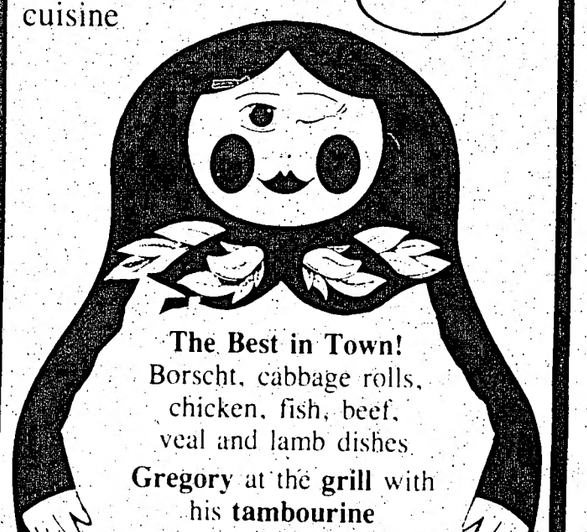

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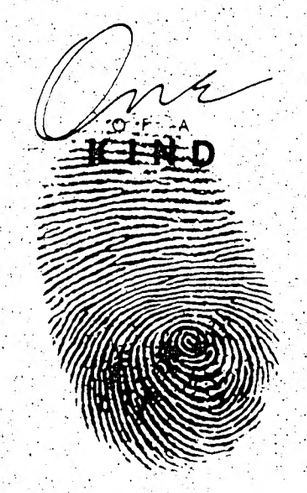

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By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Now is the time the Canadian artists' community needs financial and moral support, says Carole Tanenbaum, a consultant and private dealer of fine art.

And Tanenbaum and three other people involved in the art field, are doing something to support talented Canadian artists who have had little gallery representation.

"With government cutbacks, young artists have been the most seriously affected," says Tanenbaum, "so we've formed The Toronto Fine Art Press and initiated an exciting new project — a limited edition portfolio — which will help unknown but fine Canadian artists become known to the commercial market."

Definitive style

Previously, she adds, these artists have been involved in the art world, but their works have been placed through curators.

Tanenbaum and her associate Andrea Fine, who together own and operate Pende Fine Arts, a company that has placed the works of many Canadian artists in corporate settings, have formed a partnership with Gerry Shiner of The Art Printer and Marcia Rafelman of Marcia Rafelman Fine Arts Ltd. to produce their first portfolio which was released in October.

"We have all been involved in the Canadian art scene," says Tanenbaum. Shiner, considered one of the leading private printers of fine silk screens, has printed the portfolio. And Marcia Rafelman, who operates the Helander Rubinstein Gallery on Worth Ave. in Palm Beach (Florida), has brought her expertise to our new project."

Tanenbaum explained that "we have selected four promising young Canadian artists and we've published a portfolio of their works. Because these artists have had limited exposure to the private sector, although their works can be found in the collection of many Canadian corporations, it will be the first time that their works will be available to the general public."

The four artists selected for the first portfolios are Peter Banks, Dennis Cliff, Bobby Tamo and David Wright. Tanenbaum notes that these artists "have a great deal of integrity and are totally dedicated to their work. They have been working professionally for more than 10 years."

It is the hope of the organizers of The Toronto Fine Art Press that the publication of Four/85, a limited edition of 50 portfolios will be successful so they can continue printing the works of other Canadian artists. Tanenbaum adds that it will encourage others to undertake similar ventures which will help local artists and at the same time create accessible, affordable fine art.

"As well, if we can inspire corporations to sponsor the endeavors of these artists, we will have accomplished our goal," says Tanenbaum.

The portfolio should be of interest to seasoned collectors as well as young people who cannot invest in expensive art, Tanenbaum says. "This will help young people get started as collectors," she adds.

The cost of a portfolio of four prints is $900. A single print of your choice is $275. Prints can be shipped to anywhere in Canada or abroad. If you would like to view the prints, call Pende Fine Arts for an appointment.

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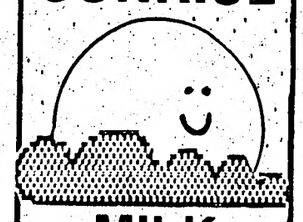

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Arts

Bold, daring style

Play about Vilna Jews a gamble that wins, loses

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Ghetto is a remarkable piece of theatre and falls short of achieving a niche as a classic for the future only because the task it essays is so difficult. Ghetto is playing at Toronto Workshop Productions, 12 Alexander St., until Dec. 1, and that resourceful company deserves much credit for mounting this work by Israeli playwright Joshua Sobol that has a special appeal and meaning for Jewish audiences.

Directed by Alexander Hausvater in a bold and daring style, a gamble that both wins and losses, Ghetto is a play about the last days of the Vilna Jews, the remnants of a community of 57,000 who were nearly all massacred by the Nazis.

Hausvater's production delivers too much in the way of justifying the role of Jacob Gens, the Jewish policy chief who collaborated with the Germans so he could win more months of life for some Jews. (In the end, of course, his efforts went for naught.) It does this at the expense of the underlying theme of the Jewish cabaret troupe who literally sang, danced and acted for their very lives, conscious of the machine gun pointed in their direction by the theatre-loving Nazi commandant, Kittel.

Ghetto reaches pure perfection in a scene in Act I when the cabaret troupe performs a version of Swanee while Kittel prances up and down improvising their choreography, urging them to go faster, faster, faster, until it seems their hunger-weakened bodies will collapse.

Somehow Ghetto never sustains that contradiction — the playwright and the director) become preoccupied with linking the extremely complicated political maneuverings in 1942 and 1943 with current political trends in Israel, the subtleties of which will escape most in the audience.

As a total piece of theatre, Ghetto is successful, and a rare opportunity not to be missed of seeing how the actors as artists responded to the dreadful events of those days. Playwright Sobol cuts right to the heart of this matter and in the ventriloquist Srulik has created a character that should rank alongside the greatest clown-tragedians of literature and drama. The standing ovations for the whole cast on opening night was deserved.

The role of Srulik is well played by Michael Rudder in his debut as a ventriloquist. In this reviewer's opinion, Srulik is the cement which holds Sobol's play together and it is unfortunate that the staging pits Gens as Kittel's chief protagonist, when it should be Srulik.

In the role of Kittel, the saxophone playing, schmeisser-wielding Nazi, Keith Thomas is masterful, holding his territory against the bombastic delivery and near-insensitive portrayal of Gens by Don Allison.

As Weiskopf, the wheeler-dealer, Guy Sanvino deserves high marks, walking that narrow line between caricature and honesty, his beautiful curses on the heads of the partying Nazis being one of the dramatic highlights of the evening.

As Hayya, the troupe's singer who has to fend off the advances of Kittel, Karen Wood is quite good. In a major role as Kruk the Bundist who refuses to collaborate with the Germans or Gens, Francois-Regis Klanfer seems unable to generate the moral authority the role requires, but that may be because the production is so tilted in Jacob Gens' favor.

Similarly, the other members of the troupe, Doug Crichton, Ted Dykstra, Leslie Toy and Eric Trask, who are superb in their ensemble style, never get the attention they deserve as a result of that tilt.

Keith Thomas as Kittel in Ghetto, the controversial TWP presentation.

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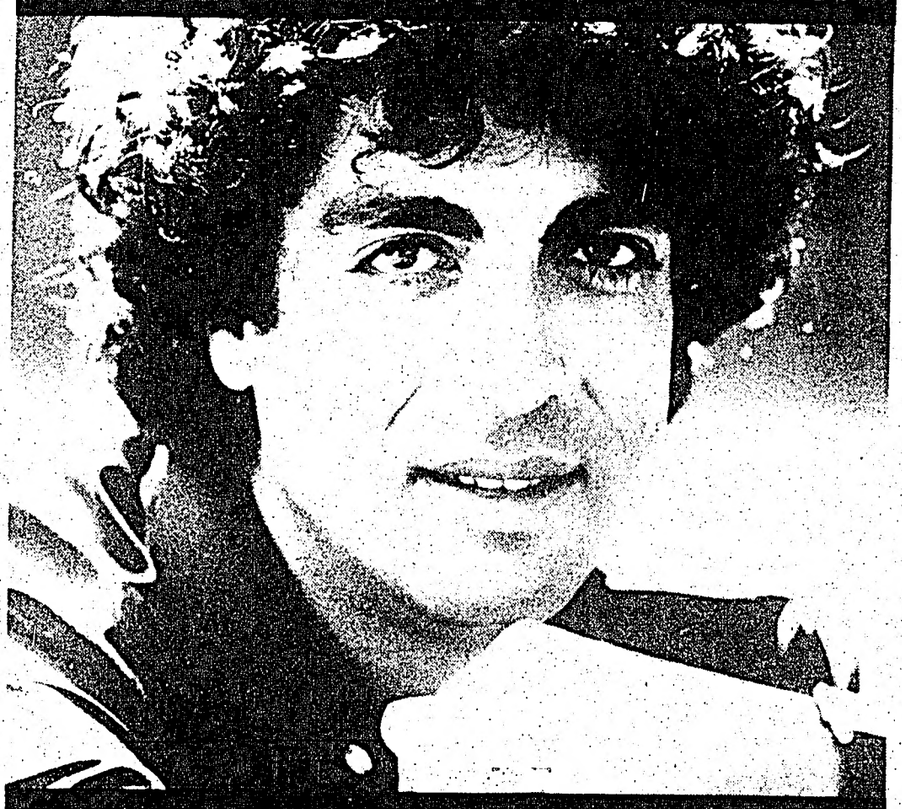
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Enrico Macias to perform at O'Keefe

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Arabs and Jews uniting in the streets of Paris. An impossible dream?

No. It's today's reality, thanks to the efforts of France's top male vocalist, and one of the world's leading Jewish singers, Enrico Macias, who will be performing at the O'Keefe Centre on Nov. 26.

Macias told The CJN that through his personal popularity, he was able to get Arabs and Jews to ally against French extreme right-wing politician Jean Marie Le Pen, whom Macias terms a fascist. Arabs and Jews demonstrated together against Le Pen's National Front with Macias leading the protest. It was so successful that Le Pen himself felt it necessary to denounce the effort over the air.

And amazingly, Arab groups (representing immigrants from North Africa) joined Jewish groups led by Macias in demonstrating during Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's recent visit to France.

Macias was expelled from his native Algeria, shortly after independence, because he was Jewish. Since immigrating to France, he has approached popularity as a singer, equalled in the recent past only by such greats as Charles Aznavour and Gilbert Bercaud. Yet he has never forgotten his roots as a North African Jew.

Shortly after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, he invited Macias to appear in Cairo. He performed his original song Le Grand Pardon, which he had written 10 years earlier, prophesying Arab-Jewish harmony. Twenty thousand people came to his concert.

Sadat's assassination was such a shock to Macias that he immediately wrote a very sad song, The Temple Has Fallen. He has been to Israel many times since, most recently in May. Whenever he performs in Israel, it is always for a benefit concert.

He eagerly anticipates performing in Toronto as part of a comprehensive North American tour. He sold out Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall in March, 1984. There is no reason to believe he won't do so again on Nov. 26.

Enrico Macias

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Brian Cherney's original composition Into the Distant Stillness will be performed by the Toronto Symphony under Mario Bernardi Nov. 27, 28 and 30 at Roy Thomson Hall.

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One of North America's top Jewish children's singing groups, Toronto's own Uncle Moishey and the Mitzvah Men, perform at Northview Heights Secondary School, Bathurst and Finch, for two shows on Dec. 1. The following Sunday, Dec. 8, singer Yoel Sharabi will perform along with Toronto's Moshe Yess, formerly of the Megama duo, at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium.

Sharabi, a Yemenite-born Israeli who now lives in New York, displays an exciting stage presence and besides singing, plays a khalil (Mideast flute) with virtuosity.

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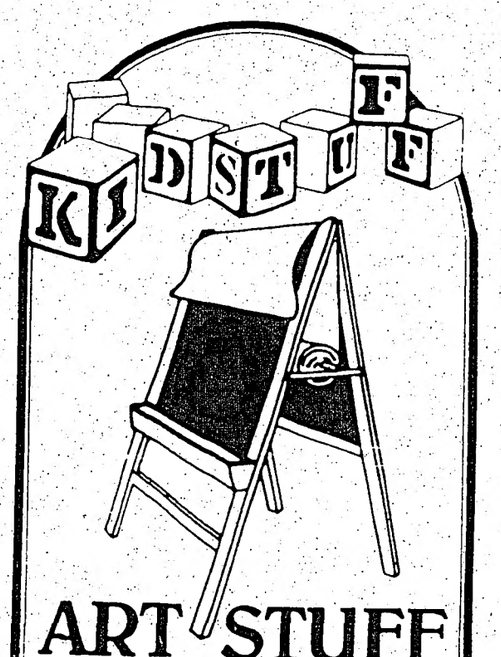

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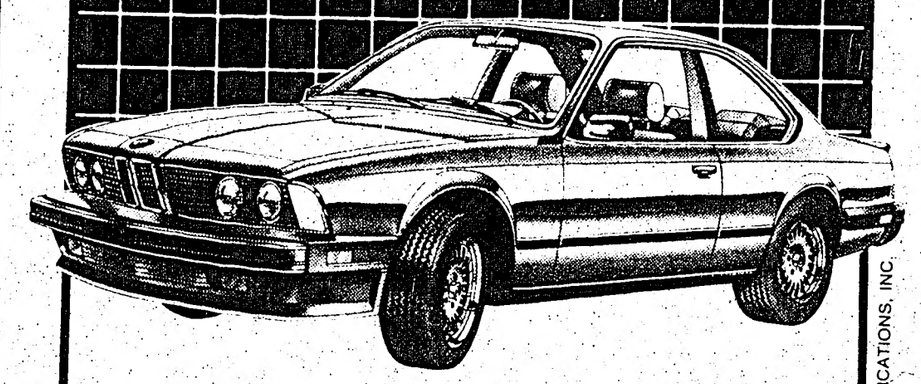

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO —
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Starting Dec. 21 there will be flights from Toronto on Saturday mornings, leaving at 7 o'clock, arriving in Palm Springs five hours later at 9.10 a.m. California time. Returning flights leave from Palm Springs at 10.10 a.m., arriving in Toronto at 5.30 p.m.

There is a 3-hour time difference between Toronto and Palm Springs.

Fares for air vary from $359 on Jan. 4 and 11 flights from Toronto, to $499 on Dec. 21 and 28 flights and flights from March 8 to April 12, for those staying a week. On Jan. 18 and 25 flights fare is $379 and on Jan. 4 and 11 departure fare is $359.

Fares are slightly higher for stays of two weeks and longer or at highest 1-week rates.

While these are charter flights operated by CP Air Holidays, there are no advance booking requirements. Based on seat availability you can book for flights the day before. The earlier you reserve space the more likely you are to get it for the day you choose to go to Palm Springs.

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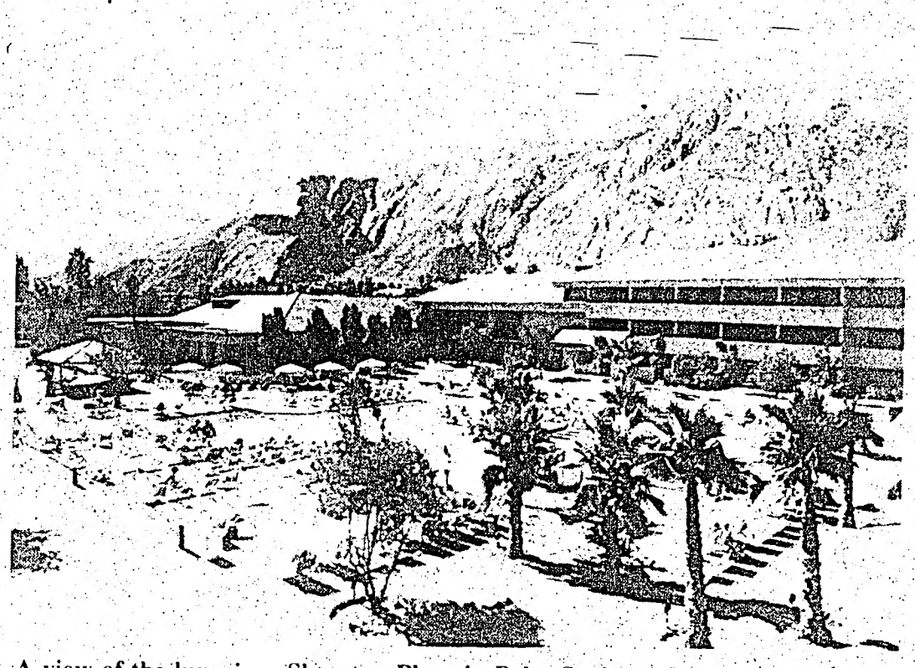

A view of the luxurious Sheraton Plaza in Palm Springs, Calif. The pool, one of the largest in the area, occupies 2,300 square feet.

Palm Springs, 100 miles (160 kilometres) southeast of Los Angeles, is in the midst of the desert region of California, which stretches to the Nevada and Arizona state borders. It is an oasis of palm trees and botanical plants in the desert and first came into prominence when a local tribe of Indians discovered hot springs in the area. The Indians still operate or own most of the hot springs and affiliated health spas.

Palm Springs has some 40 golf courses and hundreds of tennis courts, which bring some of the nearly 2 million annual visitors, most of them in winter.

The community claims more swimming pools per capita than any other United States town, largely because of the extreme warmth in summer months. In winter the temperatures are in the 80/degree area (close to 30C) during daytime, with comfortable evening temperatures of just under 60 F (15C). It is claimed the area has 350 days of sunshine a year.

Besides the sports, attractions include luxury shopping along Palm Canyon Drive, a number of botanical gardens, museums to Indian and craft lore, state and national parks. There are some 200 hotels in the area, while for winter visitors apartments, condominiums and private homes are available on monthly or seasonal basis.

Always in view is Mount San Jacinto, 10,780 feet (3,317 metres) high, accessible by aerial tramway on a 14-minute ride. Atop the mountain is San Jacinto Wilderness State Park with more than 50 miles of hiking trails. The park is part of the San Bernardino National Forest.

Nearby also are Indian Canyons, part of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, filled with plants and bubbling hot springs, as well as Joshua Tree National Monument, a preserve for the strange and rare Joshua tree with its outstretched arms, desert wildlife and plants.

Visitors this winter will find a new $80 million renovation of the Desert Fashion Plaza and a Maxim's de Paris Suite Hotel.

The expanded Fashion Plaza has skylit atriums, desert flora, 110 designer boutiques, restaurants, outdoor cafes and two department stores.

The new French hotel is the first venture of Maxim's in North America, is a 6-storey, 194-suite luxury complex, with all suites having a panoramic view of the San Jacinto Mountain and the Coachella Valley.

Also new this winter is the $40 million Palm Springs Marquis Hotel on South Indian Avenue, with 163 rooms and an underground parking garage for 650 cars.

Soon celebrating its 5th anniversary is the popular Sheraton Plaza, in the heart of the Palm Springs, only two blocks from fashionable Palm Canyon Drive and five minutes away from Palm Springs Airport, and recommended by The CJN.

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Special rates in February

Florida's Walt Disney World to salute Canadians

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI BEACH —
Should you happen to be in the Miami area in February, take a side trip to Orlando to Walt Disney World and Epcot Centre. February is Canadian Resident Salute month when Walt Disney characters will dress in kilts and Scottish pipers will accompany Canadians around the two theme parks.

You can travel to Orlando by car, bus or take a fast air trip.

There are special rates for the Canadian Resident Salute Passport to visit the attractions, available at the equivalent of Canadian $62 for adults, $48 for children, or the daily admission of Canadian $27 for adults and $23 for children.

There is much to see at both theme parks for the first time as well as the visitor who has been before. Among other features, until Dec. 16 is the Skyleidoscope on Saturdays and Sundays, when more than 60 floating, skimming and flying machines, each with its own imagined personality, will take part.

There will be an exciting music and light finale with an aerial display of fireworks, multicolored fountains and dancing laser lights.

In the Orlando area is Circus World claimed to be the only circus theme park with circus performances, wild west show, western shoot out and exotic animals. Added now is the chance for visitors to participate with performers on the high wire, flying trapeze and to learn to juggle.

There are some sensational rides at Circus World, a roller coaster claimed to be the fastest, largest, highest looping ride of its type. Or you can have the feeling of using a parachute by making a parachute jump from the 100-foot Para Tower. Riders stand in 3-person basket parachute units, and drop from the tower by parachute. The attraction also has a 158-foot ferris wheel from which there is a good panoramic view of Central Florida.

Or come north from Miami to watch space shuttle flights at Cape Canavarel where there is a new huge screen on which to see previous space flights takeoffs and a fleet of new double-decker buses take you on tours of the vast complex.

The former Kennedy Space Centre is now Spaceport USA. There are two tours in the new buses, one of the Kennedy Space Centre, Red Tour, and the other of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Air Force Museum, Blue Tour. Each lasts two hours, from 9:30 a.m. to two hours before dark in the afternoon. U.S. $4 for adults, U.S. $1.75 for children 3 to 12 years. Admission to Spaceport USA is free and there is much to see, including the various rockets which have been used and a gallery of space flight.

At Palm Beach, north of Miami, the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum marks its 20th anniversary this coming February. The historic home was built in 1901 by railroad Florida developer Flagler. On Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. admission is free because of the anniversary. There will be musical and film programs, costumed hostesses and fireworks. Among special exhibits will be the Flagler's solid gold tea service. There will be vintage cars on the front lawn.

For those who don't want to drive or fly, Amtrak, the U.S. railway service, has special fares by train for people and cars until Feb. 15, with tickets to be purchased 14 days before departure. Amtrak operates a regular Auto Train both south and northbound from Eastern U.S. cities.

Walt Disney character Goofy will wear kilts (2nd from right) with Scottish pipers during Canadian Resident Salute month next February at Walt Disney World.

Travel club offers Sunventures a deal

TORONTO —
The president of The Last Minute Club, Harry Borenstein, has announced that his travel club is offering membership to members of the now bankrupt Sunventure International Travel Club.

Those 10-15,000 members of Sunventure who paid $55 to join can sign up with The Last Minute Club, and the unexpired portion of their memberships will be honored, he said.

To do so, those interested should bring their Sunventure membership card or proof of payment to the Last Minute Club, 1262 Don Mills Rd., Suite 64. The changeover is free of charge and without obligation, Borenstein said.

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Canadian skiers get $$$ break at Vermont resorts

By JAMES MONTAGNES

JAY, Vt. — Canadian skiers to the Jay Peak ski resort area in this Vermont town just south of the international border, will find their Canadian currency accepted at par for ski lift tickets, lessons and ski equipment rentals as well as in some restaurants. This marks the 8th consecutive season that this resort area accepts Canadian dollars at par for ski services, and at a more favorable rate than the bank rate at many shops and most commercial locations.

Jay Peak ski resort is probably the closest south of the border from Montreal, roughly 40 kilometres (24 miles) south of Eastman, Que., exit 106 on Autoroute 10. From Toronto it is about seven hours drive via Highways 401 and Autoroute 10 from Montreal.

Jay Peak's highest mountain is 3,800 feet (1,200 metres) high. Its slopes and those of lesser peaks adjacent are crisscrossed with ski trails and ski lifts. This past summer a new triple chairlift was added to allow 1,800 persons per hour to go up, new snowmaking equipment was added for both alpine and cross-country skiing, even though the area received an average of over 300 inches (7.6 metres) of natural snow the past five years.

This ski resort area has special weekend, 5-day week package rates for hotels and service, two days of free ski-lift use by discount coupon for those staying five days a week (coupons available outside the resort area through participating lodges and ski magazines) and other goodies.

For special rates and discount coupons contact Jay Peak Ski Resort, Route 242, Jay, Vermont 05859 or phone 802-988-2611.

Ample terrain

Further south in the state is Stowe with two mountain areas offering skiers of all abilities ample terrain to pursue their sport. There is Mount Mansfield, the state's highest mountain at 4,393 feet (1,352 m) with six ski lifts. Another is Spruce Peak at 3,250 feet (1,000 m) with three ski lifts, a total of 37 slopes and trails on the two peaks, and an average of 250 inches of natural snow a year.

Stowe is well known among international skiers, has some famous accommodations. Nearby is Smugglers' Notch, another mountain complex with ski lifts, ski slopes and trails, a ski school and interesting hotel. The name harks back to the days when smugglers used the passes through this mountainous region to bring contraband from Canada to the New England states.

Throughout the state of Vermont there are more ski lifts at places such as Pico, Bolton Valley, Bromley, Burke, Mount Snow and Killington. The latter is in central Vermont which this season is offering special ski packages for those who come before Dec. 20 and after March 15.

The Killington Village ski community also has a special ski week rate for those who come before Dec. 20, with rates somewhat higher for those coming later in the season. This community has a special rate for those who bring a friend to introduce to the sport of skiing where the hotel picks up the ski lesson charges for the guest new to skiing.

Killington is probably the largest ski resort in the Eastern U.S. and has the longest ski lift in North America with 4-passenger gondola lifts taking 28 minutes up its mountain. There are 17 ski lifts, all available on the same ski lift ticket. (For more details contact Killington Village Lodging Center, Killington Road, Killington, Vermont 05751, telephone 802-422-3101.)

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Capital of the Negev

Face of Beersheba changes over years

By
GLORIA L. CHARNES

BEERSHEBA —

According to the verse in Genesis, "Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord."

Ever since, throughout the intervening millenia, the fate of this city has fluctuated. There were centuries of oblivion, when the progress of civilizations succumbed to the cruelties of the harsh wasteland, and centuries when population growth triumphed over the merciless perils of the desert.

Only a few decades ago, Beersheba was a frontier village with one main thoroughfare, a watering hole for Bedouin flocks. Beersheba today is highly a industrialized, advanced metropolis of close to 110,000, its inhabitants a cross-section from 32 lands, representing Israel's ingathering of exiles.

This flourishing capital of the Negev — the state's fourth largest city — boasts dozens of elementary schools, high schools, trade schools, as well as teachers' and nurses training colleges, a score of cinemas, discos, prestigious Ben Gurion University, a Rotary Club and top-flight soccer team.

But it was not always like this. Throughout the ages, when caravan traffic was routed elsewhere, commerce ceased and Beersheba, deserted by its inhabitants, became a ghost town.

The "greening" of the desert could have originated here. But achievements were hard to come by — at first. In 1948, after the War of Independence, Beersheba, two hours from Tel Aviv, resembled a frontier village: a few narrow, dusty streets of old stone houses. A place to grab a quick snack. The last stop on the bus ride to the Negev, the vast southern desert.

Beersheba now is a burgeoning oasis in the wilderness, an expanding urban center with a chamber orchestra, professional theatre, research labs and long-term focus on future development.

However, the municipality's master plans for increased progress are not what the average tourist contemplates.

"You all going to drive to Beersheba?" an American traveler from Georgia asks. "You all goin' to that Camel Market? There's no way ah'm going to Beersheba and not see that market. But ah'm fixin' to get there early. You all get some good buys."

The Bedouin market, a much talked-about landmark, draws visitors from afar. But heed our friend's advice. Get there early. Every Thursday morning at 6, in a wide clearing at the edge of the city, bearded tribesmen converge from surrounding encampments to sell their wares. You can buy anything from old clothes to a camel, dead or alive. Wives, too, are allegedly for sale.

This pungent, exotic Bedouin Camel Market has attained spectacular renown. If goats and donkeys are your chief interests, you can bargain for brassware, hand woven rugs, baskets, fancy saddles. There is an extensive selection of Bedouin handicrafts: wood carvings, embroidered fabrics, massive jewelry crudely set with bright stones, and an assortment of just plain junk.

Among the sights: an Arab woman, swathed in veils, squatting artlessly, had tied around her forefinger a string, which trailed to the leg of a clucking chicken. She and a frock-coated Orthodox Jew were engaged in a heated debate over the price of the fowl.

Many of the Bedouin peddlers, who are citizens of Israel, arrive in jeeps filled with merchandise; others come in cabs, to set up shop. When the excitement and pressures of trading have subsided, they congregate outside the government clinic for treatment, to get medicine and receive smallpox and polio vaccines.

Beersheba's past reaches far back, before the recorded period of the biblical patriarchs. A French archeologist has uncovered intact a chain of Chalcolithic subterranean cave settlements, along Wadi Sheba, which borders the old village to the south. A series of deep underground rooms, egg-shaped and connected by tunnels, dug sometimes at a depth of twenty feet or more, were reached by vertical shafts.

Now in a Beersheba museum are the jewelry — shell beads, pendants of mother of pearl and turquoise — ivory figurines, stoneware vessels unearthed there, the remnants of a civilization that flourished 1,500 years before the time of Abraham. Archeologists even discovered rectangular palettes of polished marble, used for crushing cosmetics, and an ivory carver's workshop, complete with bench, tools and raw material: an elephant's tusk!

The famed well is at the foot of a slope beside Hebron Road, where tradition contends that Abraham made a pact with Abimelach, the Phillistine king, pledging they would not harm each other. Abraham gave him seven ewe lambs, to seal the covenant. The well was subsequently known as the Well of the Oath. "Be'er" denotes well, while "sheva" signifies oath, or seven.

Spotlighting the 20th century scene — the Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research is the nucleus for pacesetting scientific experiments.

Ben Gurion University, named for Israel's first Prime Minister, is acclaimed for its inventive, futuristic architecture and more than 25 departments, including humanities, social and technical sciences and a medical school. Many of the 5,000 students live on campus in solar-cooled as well as solar-heated dorms.

Housed in an old mosque built by the Turks in a tidy park at the town's entrance is the Municipal Museum. Informative exhibits depict prior civilizations encompassing four milleniums. On display are artifacts from many of the digs. There is an extraordinary collection of historical documents and photographs and old treasures, including mosaics from Roman and Byzantine periods.

Tel Sheva, a Bedouin settlement four miles northeast of town, is the first of six planned communities which may eventually hold 12,000 tribesmen.

In this land, where the incongruous becomes commonplace, where camels may be tethered a few hundred yards from an airplane runway, where black goat-skin tents are decked with TV aerials and a transistor radio accompanies a shepherd on his routine desert meandering, no journey is complete without the local tea-party tent tour. Or a complete Bedouin dinner, if you prefer.

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A DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
TFL Whalers	6	3	2	1	7
TFL Teammates	6	2	2	2	6
LMOL Hawks	6	3	3	0	6
Forestdale Big Steel	6	2	2	2	6
Mixed Association	6	1	1	4	6
Canyon Reds	6	2	3	1	5

Player of the week was Randy Fine of the TFL Teammates.

B DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
TFL Feathers	6	6	0	0	12
TFL Fantasticks	6	5	1	0	10
TFL Beaver Canoe	6	4	1	1	9
Maccabiah Red Wings	6	4	1	1	9
Upper Canada Bruins	6	3	2	1	7
Canyon Kings	6	2	3	1	5
LMOL Reds	6	2	3	1	5
TFL Paris Kitchens	6	2	4	0	4
Don Mills Axemen	6	1	3	2	4
TFL Plumbers	6	1	3	2	4
Forestdale Sting	6	1	5	0	2
TFL Satelites	6	0	5	1	1

Player of the week was Jules Mekelberg of the Maccabiah Red Wings.

C DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Manor Metro Angels	7	6	0	1	13
Don Mills Wasters	6	5	0	1	11
Maccabiah Black Hawks	6	5	1	0	10
LMOL Printers	6	5	1	0	10
TFL Flyers	6	5	1	0	10
Canyon Ultra Kuckers	6	5	1	0	10
TFL Hav A Kars	7	3	2	2	8
TFL Refiners	7	2	2	3	7
Maccabiah Weiss Guys	6	4	2	0	8
Yorkdale Gunslingers	7	4	3	0	8
Canyon Panthers	7	2	3	2	6
TFL Flood	6	2	4	0	4
Maccabiah Grinders	6	1	4	1	3
LMOL Reds	6	0	3	3	3
North York Habs	7	1	6	0	2
Forestdale Blades	6	1	5	0	2
Don Mills Presidents	6	0	5	1	1
Toe Biz Maccabiah	6	0	6	0	0

Player of the week was Jeff Cohen of the Maccabiah Black Hawks.

Dundas Highland football teams

Bromstein brothers shine

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — What do Marv Allemang, Bob Cameron, Mike Robinson and brothers David and Mike Bromstein have in common?

They're all football players, it's true, with Allemang, Cameron and Robinson plying their trade in the Canadian Football League.

But more than sharing a love for the game, all five athletes played in or are still playing in the same high school football league in and around Dundas, Ont.

This season, brothers David and Mike Bromstein drank winner's champagne (or perhaps it was Pepsi, since they're still under 19) as each played on a championship football team in zone 1 of the Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

David, 18, and Mike, 16, are the football-playing brothers in a family of sports supporters, headed by father Jerry, a one-time coach of the Canadian Youth Maccabiah soccer team.

Their older brother Jeffrey played soccer in Ohio on a scholarship last year, and he and David were both reserves on Canada's 1985 Maccabiah Games soccer team.

But it was the younger brothers' turn to shine recently. Playing on the Highland Hawks, the Dundas Highland High School senior football team, David kicked two converts and made a good ruse in a fake convert attempt that netted the Hawks two points as they defeated the Ancaster Royals 22-15 in the championship game.

Caps off seasons

Younger brother Mike, at 5 ft. 11 a "bruising" middle linebacker, shared in the post-season glory, as his junior-aged Hawks (the Baby Hawks) throttled their final game competition, Saltfleet Saracens, by a 31-0 margin.

Both wins capped off successful regular seasons for the Highland teams, with the seniors racking up a 5-0 record, including a 1-point squeaker over arch-rivals Ancaster.

The Baby Hawks were 5-1 the end of regular season play.

The championship game in the senior circuit was preceded by no shortage of hype, as Ancaster reserve quarterback Bobby Lancaster told the press "we want to kill them" to avenge a 1-pont loss earlier in the month.

Lancaster, whose father Ron was "the little general" with Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL for many years, didn't get to play QB in the final, played before 1,500 fans at Les Prince Field at McMaster University, as the starting pivot came back from an injury to start.

Following the championship game, David was approached by a coach from Waterloo University who asked him to consider continuing his football career there, Jerry Bromstein told The CJN.

"He has the leg to do it, but it's up to him," he commented. "School work's more important."

While he was happy describing the athletic accomplishments of his three sons, Jerry has laid equal stress on the non-sporting accomplishments of the boys.

"These (high school) kids earn their way," he said. "Both had jobs at the Dundas Valley Golf and Country Club" during the summer, he pointed out, and David works in a lumber business to help keep him in shape.

And, he points out proudly, they're graduates of Temple Anshe Shalom religious school in Hamilton.

York University credit

Sport course set in Israel

TORONTO — Prof. Joseph Levy, coordinator of Recreation York (of York University) is conducting the university's first full-credit summer course in Israel on Sport, Recreation and Leisure in the Middle East: The Israeli Model.

Scheduled for Aug. 18 to Sept. 7, the course will centre around Israel's Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport in Netanya.

However, the program also includes tours to kibbutzim, tourist sites and Beit Halochim — the rehabilitation/recreation centres for members of the Israel Defence Force.

Levy, who competed for Canada at the 1969 Maccabai games, is a professor in the department of physical education and athletics at York.

He describes the Wingate Institute as "one of the most unique institutions in the world. It is completely dedicated to physical education and sport."

The institute offers such facilities as an olympic-sized pool, eight outdoor tennis courts, a complex for olympic gymnastics, auditoriums, a centre for research and sport medicine and a hotel for athletes and visitors to the institution from other countries.

Rather than spending a lot of time in rigidly structured classes, Levy says, "most time will be spent interacting with people in the field."

He adds that he scheduled the course for the end of the summer because in the last week, students will participate in an international seminar and workshop on outdoor education and recreation sponsored by the Wingate Institute.

Any student at York is eligible to take the course, and there are no prerequisites. Anyone outside the university who would be qualified to take the course for credit or is a mature student may also sign up. The course may be taken either for credit or audit.

Those who strictly adhere to kashrut will have no problems, says Levy, and there is a synagogue at the institute. "We welcome religious students," Levy adds, noting the course will visit a college that prepares teachers to teach physical education in Orthodox schools.

"The course will probably be taught in ~~bulk~~ periods of four days with a long weekend off. The required texts are written in English, and the authors of The Secularization of Leisure, and Leisure Towards a Theory and a Policy, will be participating in the course.

Course evaluation for those taking the course for credit will be based on a major paper and an exam on text material and site visits. The assignment will be begun in Israel and completed in Toronto. The exam will also be written in Toronto about a week after returning.

The tentative cost in Canadian funds including return airfare from Toronto to Tel Aviv, all transportation during visits, accommodations, all fees for sites visited, and three meals a day is $3,000 plus tuition (about $300).

The course is open to 30 students and a minimum of about 20 are needed for it to be held. Selection is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A deposit of $200 is required by Dec. 16.

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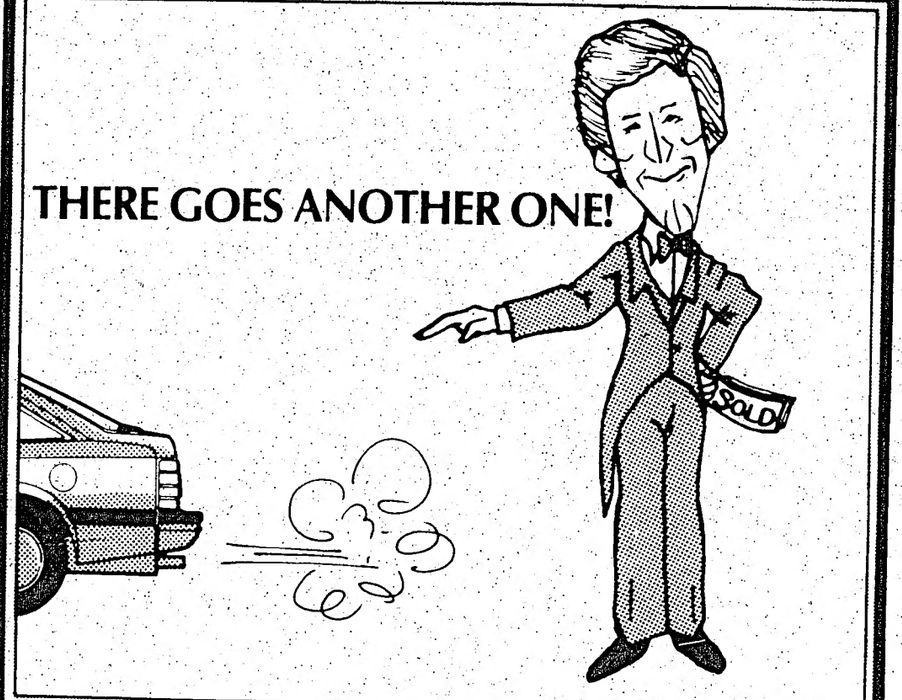

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Seel Mortgage Investment Corp.

Exton to leave chairmanship

TORONTO —

Eric Exton, board chairman of Seel Mortgage Investment Corp. of Toronto, has announced that he has reduced his share holdings in the company and will resign in the near future for health reasons.

Agreements have been reached with The Equitable Trustco Ltd. of Toronto, Seel Enterprises Ltd. and members of the Exton family, which will result in private placements of 111,000 shares of Seel Mortgage Investment Corp. at $10.75 per share, Exton said in a statement. Management of Seel Mortgage Investment Corp. and certain business assets of the Seel Group of Companies will also be transferred to The Equitable Group.

Exton, a longtime member of the Ontario mortgage brokerage community and past-president of The Society of Accredited Mortgage Brokers, will continue to serve in a consulting capacity and will retain an office at the company's new downtown Toronto headquarters. He pioneered a number of advances in the real estate field, including the first public offering of shares of a mortgage investment corporation (Seel).

The Seel Group of Companies pioneered by Exton includes Seel Enterprises Ltd. (the advisor to Seel Mortgage Investment Corp. since its inception in 1974), the syndication of mortgages under the name of "Eric Exton in Trust" and Spartan Realty Management Ltd. specializing in residential, industrial and commercial property management.

The Equitable Trustco Ltd., a privately held Canadian company, is the parent company of The Equitable Trust Co.

Shaffique Verjee, president of The Equitable Trustco Ltd. said: "Through the combining of the personnel and operations of the various companies now under Equitable's control, substantial economies can be effected and will give the company assets under administration of over $100 million."

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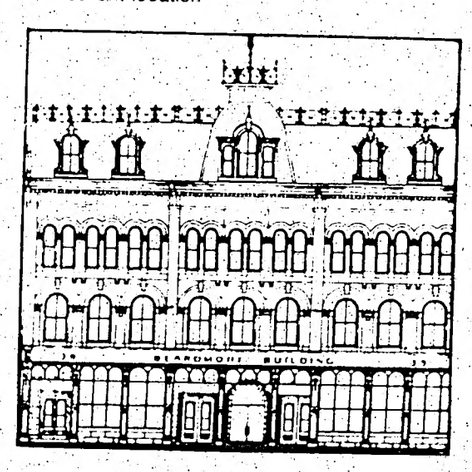

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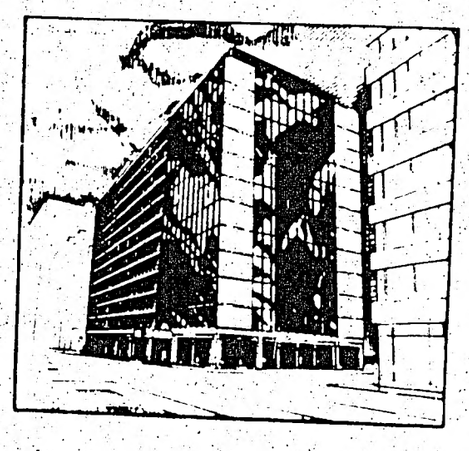

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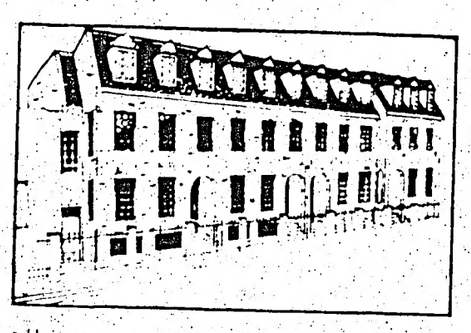

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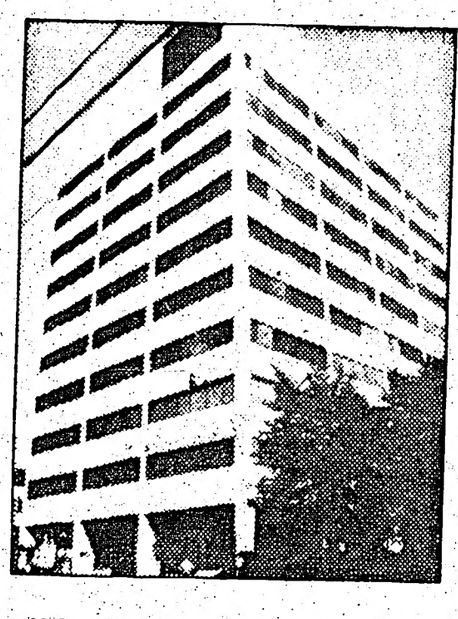

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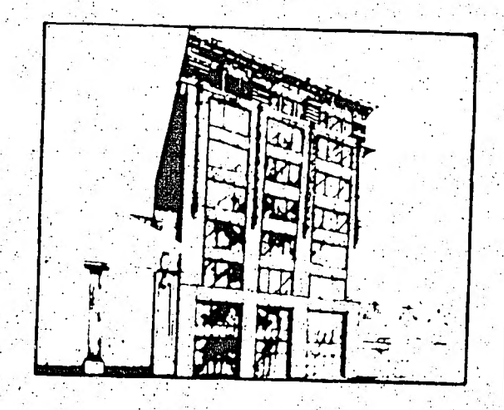

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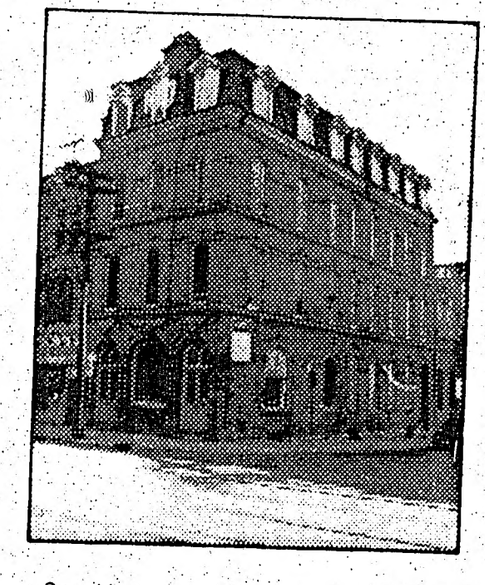

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$143,500. Just listed! 3 bdrm, all brick, main floor family rm + fireplace, finished bsmt, grey & white decor. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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$179,900. 4 bdrm, 4 baths, inerlocking stone driveway, finished bsmt, deep lot, extras galore! Bryan Lewis 736-1100.

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DON MILLS-STEELES EXTRAS! EXTRAS!
$189,900. Landscaped with mature trees! 4 bdrm, large lot, 4 baths, finished bsmt, family rm, stone fireplace, interlocking stones. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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Winnipeg success

Shalom Residences grows

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
There are an estimated 400 Jewish mentally handicapped people in Manitoba. To be mentally handicapped often means living in institutions removed from family and traditions.

Shalom Residences Inc. was organized seven years ago to provide Jewish mentally handicapped adults with a Jewish milieu in which to live. Some 250 people attended the organization's recent fifth annual fund raising tea for the two homes it operates in Winnipeg.

Shalom Residences religious advisor Rabbi Charles Grysman and his wife Lori are seen with some residents at the organization's fund raising tea.

Grew out of meeting

"The turnout we receive each year indicates we are reversing the trend," says Shalom Residences president Thelma Bronstein. "Not only are people accepting our residents, they are actually rejoicing with us in our success. Our residents used to be rejected by the community. Now the house is overflowing with visitors. It's beautiful."

Shalom Residences grew out of a meeting of several Jewish couples with mentally handicapped children. The organization managed to open its first home in the north end two years later in 1980.

Located only a few blocks away is a larger house, donated by Faye Parks-Micay who was making aliya. It was opened in 1983.

Shalom Residences is modeled after Toronto's Reena Foundation which operates homes, apartments and summer camps for moderately handicapped Jewish adults. Bronstein's daughter, Sharon Marmorstein, had worked for the foundation in Toronto and the Winnipeg organization has benefited from her experience.

Initially, there was a great deal of discussion about the degree of Jewishness in the residences. Through the process of time, a Jewish milieu was seen to be beneficial for the residents and the parents.

Currently, there are six residents in each house. Two are attending school while the others are working. At the homes, residents are taught personal hygiene and grooming, care for their clothing, respect for others' belongings, sharing and cooperation, community involvement, household budgeting, shopping, cooperation. Several of the residents also attend synagogue on Shabbat.

Because Shalom Residences receives some government funding, it is also open to the non-Jewish mentally handicapped. Most residents, however, are Jewish.

Bronstein reports the organization is now evaluating its position to determine where to go from here. "The government is after us to take on things," she said, "but we have to assess each individual's needs very carefully and work from there."

Mental health service for aged

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A little known mental health service available to anyone caring for an elderly person is one shown recently in the first Mental Health Fair at Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

Established six years ago at West Park Hospital in York (the old TB hospital on Weston Rd.) it covers Etobicoke, York and North York as far east as Yonge St. It is officially known as the Community Psychogeriatric Service and there is no fee charged for any of its services.

In brief, it offers a mental health consultation service to anyone who provides care to an elderly person (aged 60 and over) in the community (for example, a private home) or in a non-psychiatric institution.

Anne Lennox, a nurse who covers the City of York, told The CJN that families can call on their own, and the service also gets referrals from public health and VON nurses and family doctors.

Debra Clark, a social worker, covers North York, and has been active in setting up family support groups for people caring for aging parents.

Anyone wanting to get in touch with the service can call 243-3732.

There were a total of 31 community and agency services represented at the fair, ranging from help available to alcoholics to services for mentally handicapped workers and teenagers.

Among the groups represented were Chai Tikvah (Reena Foundation), Jewish Family & Child Services, Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto and the Jewish Vocational Rehabilitation Service.

Ms. Lennox said the objectives of the Community Psychogeriatric Service are "to improve the mental health of the elderly in the community and to prevent unnecessary psychiatric hospitalization."

She said inquiries have come in from families who fear that one of their members is showing signs of Alzheimer's Disease.

The information booth on Alzheimer's was one of the busiest when a CJN reporter visited the fair. Ruth Kahane and Claudia Solish, two volunteers who were manning the booth, and who have done the same thing in other meetings and locales, said the questions asked by passerby indicated a widening knowledge of the disease, its symptoms and implications.

Wider knowledge about disease

Among the volunteers at the JF&CS booth were Carie Grant and Ron Forster. At the JVS table, Jill Harris and Wendy LeBlanc, job coaches, and Ellen Barrington, another staff member, were displaying items assembled at the agency, including Jarts, an original dart game, battery-operated decorator wall clocks, and an ingenious trouble-light attached to a winding reel.

Lennox, chairman of the fair's planning committee, said recent statistics show that, in Metro Toronto alone, more than 15,000 people are hospitalized for mental illness each year, and even more receive help on an outpatient basis.

The fair was sponsored by the York council of the Canadian Mental Health Association and the York Inter-Agency Network.

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Dec. 5th. in the CJN

Weiner describes promising results with new drug

Harvard neurologist tells of advances against MS

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A 40-year-old Jewish neurologist who was once an intern at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel and medical resident at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston held an audience of 300 spellbound here recently when he explained in laymen's terms why the chances of finding new successful treatments for multiple sclerosis have improved dramatically.

Though he said he had no cure to hand out, Dr. Howard L. Weiner, associate professor of neurology at Harvard University, spoke of the promising results of treatment with cyclophosphamide, a powerful immunosuppressant drug, and with monoclonal antibodies. The latter treatment, which he is the first in the world to use on humans, involves directing antibodies at specific white cells (lymphocytes) which cause damage to nerve fibres in the brain.

The modest, slim young specialist charmed his audience, many of whom were in wheelchairs, as much with his self-effacing approach and sense of humanity, as he did with his fund of knowledge.

At one point, to explain how a new type of X-ray of the brain (magnetic resonance imaging) helps tell whether certain drugs are working, he told how his mother was helped in Boston by these X-rays, although in her case the drug was to treat another condition, not MS.

Dr. Weiner said he looks forward to returning to Toronto to watch the Blue Jays in a World Series at a time when multiple sclerosis will no longer be the disabling disease it is today.

A young woman in the front row of the meeting, at North St. Lawrence Market, asked Dr. Weiner during the question period about the effect of alcohol on the disease since her fiance, in a wheelchair beside her and wearing a neck brace, is happier after five bottles of beer. Weiner noted that alcohol will help control tremors in some patients and there is no evidence that a moderate amount will harm MS patients. Certain drugs will also relieve the tremors, he added.

When the young woman persisted good-naturedly in her question, Weiner said, "your fiance looks pretty happy with his present treatment."

On the question of smoking, however, the Boston neurologist was less tolerant. Though there is no data that smoking makes MS patients better or worse, he said they are better off not smoking.

Weiner is the first to hold the Robert L. Kroc Professorship in Neurological Diseases at Harvard. (Kroc was the founder of McDonald's Restaurant chain.) The Kroc Foundation of Santa Barbara, Calif., gave Harvard $1 million to endow the chair.

Ranging broadly over research in the field, Weiner said there is a healthier, more positive approach to multiple sclerosis than ever before. Every year valuable new techniques are discovered. He compared the situation today to what it was 20 years ago. Then, he noted, in an anology, people were looking for "the lost a treasure of a cure for MS in a dense forest," without helicopters, binoculars or cameras, compared to the resources they have today.

He made several references to the active research in the disease in Canada, including a Canada-wide study of cyclophosphamide under direction of Dr. John Noseworthy of the University of Western Ontario and Dr. Peter Seland of the University of Calgary.

He said there may be research in Canada soon on

Dr. Howard Weiner

treatment with monoclonal antibodies — the advance which has caused the most excitement recently. Of his own study with this drug at Harvard, Dr. Weiner said: "We've treated 20 patients over two years. We have no answers yet. At this stage we're trying to determine in what cases it can be given.

"We're beginning to use monoclonal antibodies against one particular T cell. We don't know if we can adminster them again and again. They're not as toxic as cyclophoshamide and can be given earlier. Our current plan is to treat patients for another two years, find the best approach and the best antibody and then do a clinical trial."

He described use of cyclophosphamide as a "major advance," or, as he put it, "a foot in the door." As he noted later, "In Alzheimer's Disease and in Lou Gehrig's Disease we don't even have a foot in the door."

He said the drug is so powerful it knocks out everything, and one of the side effects is loss of hair. "A large number of patients at Harvard have benefited from it," he said. "The disease in progressive cases has slowed down, but after a year or two the MS started to progress again. It can help some people. We're studying the best dosages for least toxicity."

Dr. Trevor Gray, director of the MS clinic at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital, where 800 patients are registered, gave a rundown of the three major research projects there, and said these studies require a tremendous amount of cooperation from ms patients.

The projects at St. Michael's involve cyclophosphamide, copolymer and another drug, symatrol, said to be helpful in treating fatigue in MS.

As well, the clinic there is looking at the cognitive function of MS patients, dividing them up into groups of those who have had the disease for less than five years, from 5 to 10 years, and 10 to 15 years. The results are being analyzed now. A new study on mood changes in ms is under way.

The meeting was sponsored by the Metropolitan chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Zionist student group

TORONTO —

The Progressive Zionist Caucus (PZC), a network of students concerned with questions facing the Zionist movement and the State of Israel, has opened a Toronto chapter.

Students from the University of Toronto and York University are participating in this organization, which says Toronto PZC coordinator Mike Hollander, is supported by Habonim Dror, Hashomer Hatzair, Netzer-Reform Youth, the Young Kibbutz Movement, the United Kibbutz Movement and Hakibbutz Haartzi.

Hollander says the organization discusses such issues as the state of democracy in Israel, the economic and social crises in Israel, and the Palestinian issue and the need for peaceful coexistence between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Recently, the PZC held a regional seminar in Toronto, attended by 40 students from Toronto, Upstate New York, and Ann Arbor, Mich. The seminar focused on Israeli politics and the danger of Meir Kahane, said Hollander. The program ended with a concert by David Broza.

Posner to speak

TORONTO —

Michael Posner of MacLean's Magazine, will speak on the topic of Jewish Life in Russia: Russian Policy Towards Jews at the Sidney Smith Building, 100 St. George St., Room 1069, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

Posner is the chief of the Washington Bureau of MacLean's. He graduated with an MA in English from the University of Toronto and a BA in English from the University of Manitoba.

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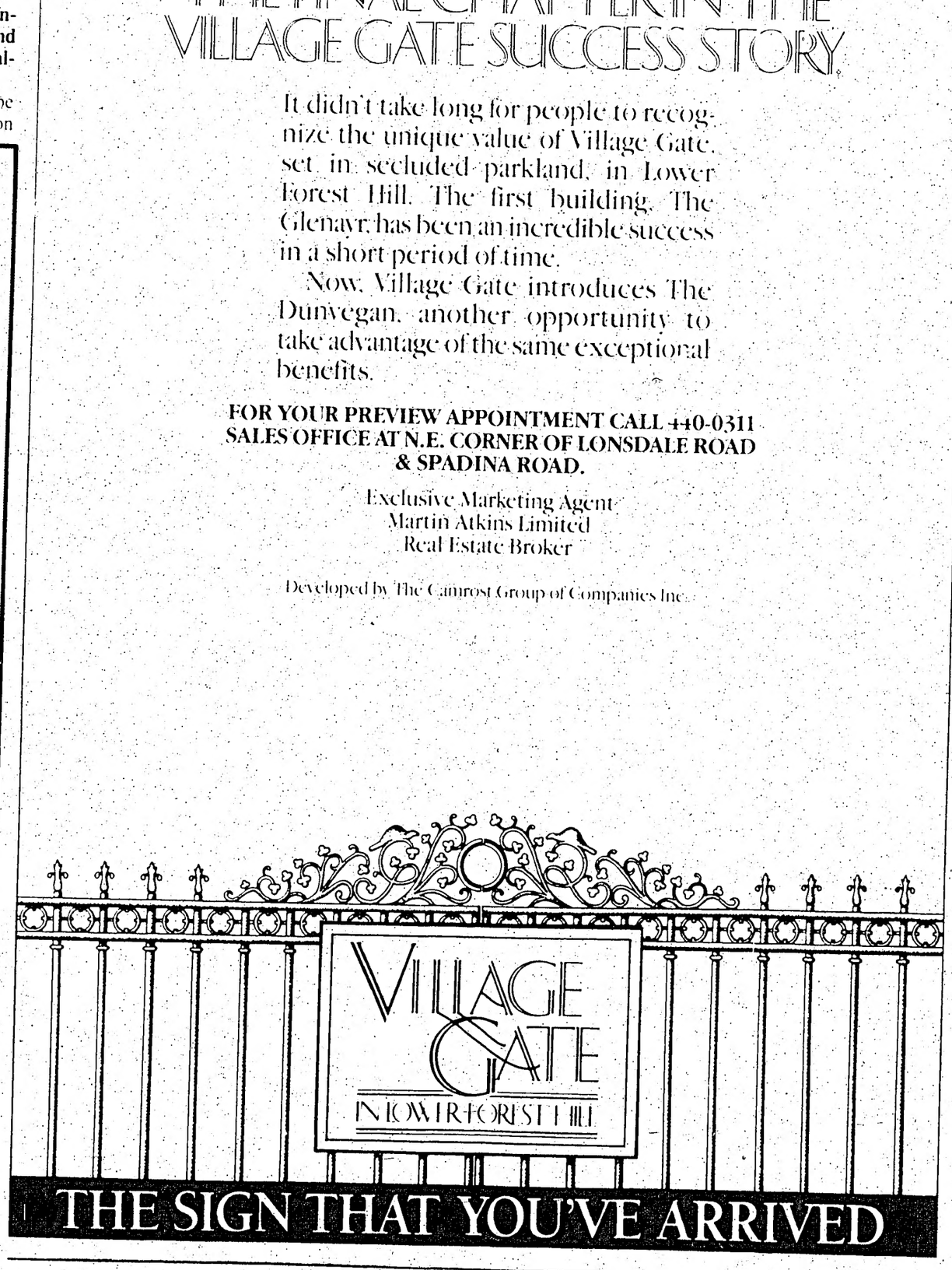

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Viewpoints

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An Interview with Herbert Marx

Hershorn: As this interview will be read across the country, can you share your background with our readers?

Marx: My father came to Canada in 1929 from Latvia. When he got off the boat, his name was Markushevitz. Since nobody could spell it, he changed his name to Marx. On my birth certificate my Hebrew name was Zvi Hersh and that was changed to Herbert after Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States. We lived in what was popularly known as "Duddy Kravitz country" — the area that Mordecai Richler wrote about his book, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*. At that time, one didn't have to do anything to be Jewish, one was simply Jewish. We went to the synagogue at St. Urbain and Mt. Royal. For recreation, we went to the YMHA on Mt. Royal where we were members of a club called the Nordaus, named after Theodor Herzl's chief lieutenant in the cause of Zionism. I attended Talmud Torah, Bancroft Public School and Baron Byng High School.

From 1954 to '64, while working in a company specializing in electrical lighting, I did my B.A. in the evening at Sir George Williams University, followed by a Masters Degree in English Literature and a Law Degree from the University of Montreal. I received my Masters of Law Degree from Harvard.

I've been a member of the Quebec National Assembly since December 1979 and am currently serving as the Justice Critic from the Opposition Liberal Party.

Hershorn: Larry Grossman discovered that being Jewish might have been a factor in not winning the Ontario Conservative Party Leadership. Is there a "Jewish factor" in the Quebec National Assembly?

Marx: Being Jewish entails the responsibility of not only representing a riding that is predominantly Jewish, but representing to a great extent the whole Jewish community of Quebec. In that sense, it is a very important responsibility to the Jewish community. I must also be conscious that Quebecers see the Jewish community very often vis-à-vis Herb Marx. What I stand for is liable to colour people's views as to what the Jewish community stands for. I have to stand for the highest ideals of "Yiddishkeit".

Hershorn: How do you represent these ideals in the National Assembly?

Herbert Marx *is the Member of the Quebec National Assembly for D'Arcy McGee. He was elected in November of 1979. Marx is the Liberal Opposition Justice Critic. He is on leave as Professor of Constitutional Law at the Université de Montréal.*

Marvin Hershorn *is a professor of Humanities at Dawson College of Montreal. He is also a lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Concordia University of Montreal.*

Marx: As Jews, we stand for equality and basic human rights. We believe in a pluralistic society, in tolerance and understanding.

Hershorn: Yet you once told me that you felt that you could not stand for the leadership of the Liberal Party because you were Jewish and an Anglophone.

Marx: I believe that being Jewish is not the impediment. Quebec is a French society. It is the Anglophone versus Francophone component that is much greater than the Jewish dimension. In any event, I think that I can attain any position for which I am qualified.

Hershorn: In a technological society, the powers of government increase at the expense of the rights of individuals. There is therefore a need for national rules to protect the interests of citizens against direct or indirect forms of discrimination or inequality. Can you comment on that?

Marx: To have a charter of rights in the Constitution is something that's new in the sense that Westminster-style democracies do not have entrenched constitutional charters in their constitutions. In Canada our new charter is entrenched but yet it's not entrenched, the reason being that sections 2 and 7 to 15 can be overridden for 5-year periods by Parliament or the Quebec National Assembly or any other provincial legislature. I would do away with the "notwithstanding clause" in order to put our Charter on a firm basis. Governments are prone to use the "notwithstanding clause" when you need the protection of civil rights most. During the October Crisis of 1970, the Canadian government set aside the Canadian Bill of Rights to fight the Front de Liberation de Québec (FLQ). Governments therefore act on the individual. There seems to be nothing between the individual and government to protect the individual.

Hershorn: What you are suggesting therefore is that in our technological society we will see more government intervention on the lives of citizens.

Marx: Government is more involved in people's lives. If you examine both the number of regulations and laws that impact on people's lives, it is obvious that there is more government interference with what people can do and cannot do.

Hershorn: Is the Canadian Charter of Rights therefore undermined?

Marx: The Canadian Charter applies to laws and regulations. Therefore any law or regulation that does not respect the rights and liberties set forth in the Charter can be held to be unconditional. The standards and protections are in the Charter so that every law has to respect those standards.

Hershorn: The Canadian Jewish Congress is concerned that the need for assurances that the entrenched protection of free speech will not also protect dissemination of both hate literature and propaganda as defined in the Criminal Code. Where does free speech end and the dissemination of hate propaganda begin?

Marx: Hate literature is not a new phenomenon in Canada. If we go back to the 1940s or 50s in Quebec, there was a lot of anti-Catholic hate literature which was despicable. The government of the day tried to combat this with the criminal code provisions on sedition. That action was held to be invalid because sedition in Canada has to include incitement to violence. In the '70s when we had the Cohen Commission on hate literature it concluded that the courts will have to draw the line between hate literature and freedom of speech.

Hershorn: Is it possible, under Canadian law, to assure the Canadian Jewish Congress that the entrenched protection of free speech will not also protect the dissemination of hate literature?

Marx: The only assurance that we can have must come from the Supreme Court of Canada. This court will be the final arbiter of what is free speech and what speech is protected. If we look to the United States Supreme Court for guidance, we find that according to its perception, not all speech is protected. I believe our Courts will act in the same way, that is, not all speech will be protected. Where the Courts will draw the line on hate literature is impossible to predict.

Hershorn: What action do you see Congress or the Jewish community taking in a Zundel or Keegstra-type of situation?

Marx: Where there is a criminal prosecution, I don't think that the Canadian Jewish Congress can intervene actively in a case that's before the Courts. But the Jewish community, whether it be the Canadian Jewish Congress or the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights, may want to intervene as a friend of the Court when questions of law are heard at the level of a Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Justice Deschenes recently stated that he will allow B'nai B'rith to intervene in the Commission dealing with war crimes and war criminals. There is that kind of a role that the organized Jewish Community can play at the level of the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Canada.

Hershorn: The Canadian Jewish Congress is interested in affirmative action programs as part of a constitutionally entrenched system of rights, yet Congress is concerned that these programs may lead to quotas.

Marx: I don't think that we are going to have quotas where a designation of, for example, 200 women, 200 Jews, 200 Blacks will exist. There must, however, be some objectives. If you take, for example, the Montreal Urban Community institutions ...

Hershorn: The police force, for example?

Marx: As a general objective, I would suggest that the police force should reflect the general composition of the population to a greater extent. It

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Viewpoints

Editor's Notebook

Eight years ago (can it be that long?) Canadian Jewish Congress decided that Canadian Jewry deserved to have an intellectual periodical, that would reflect both the maturity and diversity of our community. And so, at its triennial convention in 1977, Congress decided to take over sponsorship of Viewpoints from the Labor Zionist Organization. Immediately the naysayers — who are always with us — raised two questions: where will you find the money in sufficient quantity?; where will you find the material of sufficient quality?

This issue, we think, answers the second question, (The first we live with, as part of the human condition). Our Summer Issue, which was entirely devoted to the subject: Judaism Confronts Modernity, dealt with various controversial problems facing modern society, and offered certain perspectives on the position of Judaism on these problems.

We were delighted to receive a number of responses to this symposium. Three of these responses were full-fledged articles which merit publication at length. They are from Rabbi J. I. Schochet, Janet Ajzenstat, and Tom Brown, all from Ontario. Needless to say, they all take issue vigorously with the views expressed in our symposium, and do so with eloquence and panache. This is precisely the role we foresaw for Viewpoints: to provide a national vehicle for the expression of various viewpoints in Canadian Jewish life, provided that these views are well thought out and well written.

To lead off the issue, we publish an interview conducted by Prof. Marvin Hershorn with Herbert Marx, a member of the Quebec National Assembly and a recognized expert in constitutional law. The interview probes in some depth, the strength and weaknesses of the Canadian Charter of Rights and the Quebec Charter of Rights, and their implications for the Jewish community.

Another distinctive feature of this issue is the reproduction of a number of paintings of Mikhail Chemiakin, born in Russia, now residing in New York. The paintings are remarkable for their technical skill and creative originality. They form part of an equally creative and original project of Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, President Emeritus of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York. Proceeds of the sale of these paintings will benefit, in part, the Foundation for Future Generations, which offers scholarships — each one dedicated in the name of a child who perished in the Holocaust — to outstanding students in studies at a higher level. In this way, the pool of potential Jewish thinkers and scholars, sadly depleted by the Holocaust, may be replenished. Anyone wishing to see these paintings when visiting New York should communicate with:

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doesn't mean that 52% of the police force must be women but certainly there must be more than 1.5% women in the force. How affirmative action will work in practice for the Jewish community is difficult to project. The National Assembly modified the Quebec Charter of Rights in 1982 and the government has published a regulation dealing with affirmative action that will be discussed in a National Assembly Commission this autumn. My view on affirmative action programs is that they should be applied in a compulsory fashion to the public and para-public sectors. We should start with our provincial government and municipal governments, school commissions, fire departments, police departments and allow for optional affirmative action programs in the private sector. After we have some experience with such programs, then we can make them compulsory in the private sector.

Marx: Can you suggest a process?

Hershorn: This whole issue revolves around systemic discrimination. First, we must discover in what institutions systemic discrimination exists. I would say, for example, in terms of mother tongue, where we have 1% of the Quebec Civil Service drawn from the Anglophone community, this is obviously under-representation. The Quebec government has provided in the law dealing with civil servants that it can have affirmative action programs for women and minority groups. So far, they have not really moved in that direction. However, the provision is already there. In terms of process, unfortunately, we've been waiting for the government to act for over 2 1/2 years. The problem, however, with affirmative action is that very few people understand what it entails and what the effects of it are. That's another reason why I think it should only be compulsory in the public and para-public sectors to begin with.

Hershorn: What benefits do you see affirmative action having for the Jewish Community?

Marx: The Jewish Community has always been in favour of equality for all Canadians. The Community does not only look inward but is concerned for the general good of the entire population. Because the Jewish Community is mainly Anglophone, affirmative action may provide openings to institutions where job opportunities did not present themselves in the past.

Hershorn: Bill 29, the School Bill that is meant to mend Constitutional flaws in Bill 3, the School Board Reorganization Act, would prevent people who aren't Protestant or Catholic from taking part in denominational School Board elections. This Bill may have dire consequences for the Jewish Community. Can you comment on that?

Marx: When we look at the whole area of education, one has to remember that when our education system was set up in the middle of the 19th century, there were very few Jews here and probably no Moslems. Our Constitutional protection for Catholics and Protestants was specifically designed to protect minorities in all provinces. In Quebec the guarantees existed to protect our language communities although language was not clearly spelled out. Today the Quebec government is setting up linguistic school boards and providing for the possibility of having confessional schools.I would recommend therefore that the government put all religions on an equal footing. It should be possible to declare that one school is Catholic and another school is Protestant and there should be the possibility of declaring that another school is Jewish or Greek Orthodox. A 20th century law must respect 20th century reality.

Hershorn: What might a modern example of this reality entail?

Marx: If we are going to have linguistic boards, then schools can be designated confessional, specifically, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. Parents should have the opportunity to decide the confessionality of the school.

Hershorn: What would therefore be the rationale of Bill 29, a Bill which disenfranchises Jews and Moslems and causes ghettoization?

Marx: In my opinion, the government was badly advised. It thought that it was bound by some constitutional provision. It must make modifications. The Minister (of Education) said that Bill 29 was tabled because the government felt that it was constitutionally bound to provide for such provisions. However, the law as it stands is totally unacceptable.

Hershorn: Historically, Jews have been affected by both formal and informal government policy. The book, *None Is Too Many* describes the Canadian government's reluctance to facilitate Jewish immigration between the years 1933 to 1948. Canada did not provide sanctuary for the Jews fleeing extermination from Nazi Germany.

Marx: From the latter part of the 19th century up until well after World War II we had a lot of racist immigration laws in Canada. It was always said that there were two immigration laws in Canada — one for Chinese and one for others. From the period of 1923 to 1947, the Federal Government only allowed roughly 44 Chinese to enter legally into Canada. We therefore had a lot of disguised racist immigration laws. For example, one law provided that if a ship carries Chinese immigrants, it can only carry one passenger for every 50 tons of its tonnage. When it came to Jewish immigration, discriminatory practises were also applied which wouldn't pass muster today. *None Is Too Many* is an extremely tragic story about what happened to the Jews because it was not only a question of not allowing people in, but it was a question of the prospective immigrants facing certain death. In that sense, it was the most tragic of all discriminatory immigration policies.

Hershorn: You must, however, admit that during the same time frame alleged Nazi war criminals easily found refuge in Canada.

Marx: When one studies MacKenzie King's diaries, specifically, where he stated that he was happy that the atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese and not a White race and where *The Montreal Star*, sometime during 1945, had an editorial entitled "Kick the Japs out of Canada", it is obvious that we were living in a country where there was a lot of discrimination. However, today we have in Canada a more multi-religious, multi-ethnic, multli-linguistic society.

Hershorn: I must, however, go back to my original question. The government has not acted against alleged Nazi criminals that have been harboured in Canada since the end of the second world war.

Marx: I think it's incumbent upon the government to take the necessary action to make sure that these people are ferretted out and prosecuted. Anybody who came to Canada under false pretences cannot make any serious claim to being a bona fide Canadian citizen even though he has citizenship. That would be a reason to strip somebody of his citizenship because that person came in under false pretences.

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JUDAISM CONFRONTS MODERNITY — *The Debate Continues*

Hasidism and Orthodox Feminism

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

by Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet

I have read Prof. Martin I. Lockshins's article "Hasidism and Orthodox Feminism" VIEWPOINTS, Summer 1985), in which he attacks a lecture I gave about feminist attempts to reform Halachah and Jewish tradition.

I am amazed and saddened to note that Dr. Lockshin would criticize the substance of a lecture he did not hear, relying on nothing more than two newspaper-reports. This might be good enough for a letter to the editor, but certainly not for an "academic critique." To add insult to injury, Dr. Lockshin proceeds to build a straw man by attributing to me his own paraphrases and interpretations of the quotations in the newspapers, which he then attacks. To me, at least, this is a far cry from the principles of honest inquiry and rational communication.

First of all a general observation.

The major thrust of Dr. Lockshin's article (already suggested in the very title), is the fact of my Hasidic affiliation: "How dare a Hasid argue that feminist reforms are inconsistent with Halachah and Jewish tradition? This is a case of the pot calling the kettle black!"

Personally I fail to see any relationship between his perception and the issue. My lecture dealt with the confrontation between Halachah and feminist pursuits for reform. So who cares who I am or where I come from?

Self-fulfilment Integral Part of Halachah

Now for the specific allegations in Prof. Lockshin's article. He attributes to me the claim that "Approaching Halachah with a view to maximizing one's spriritual self-fulfilment is a form of self-worship and antithetical to Halachah." This is blatantly untrue. Spiritual self-fulfilment, or the subjective religious experience, is an integral part of Halachah, manifesting itself in the comprehensive *mitzvot* of love and fear of God, and in the concept of *kavanah*. It is debatable to what extent *kavanah*, is a Halachic prerequisite to most *mitzvot*, but it is universally agreed that a *mitzvah* without *kavanah* is like a body without a soul. This is not an innovation of Hasidism, as Lockshin suggests, but goes back to the very origins of Halachah and pervades all of our ethical literature since Midrashic times.

Self-Gratification Outside Of Halachic Standards Is Idolatry

To seek or stimulate *kavanah* in the observance of *mitzvot*, however, is altogether different from violating or reforming Halachic principles to suit our personal ends, regardless how sincere and well-intentioned. Halachah, the Shulchan Aruch and the codifiers, is the final criterion as to what is permitted or forbidden. Any form of self-gratification, physical or spiritual, that is outside the perimeter of Halachic standards, is tantamount to self-worship or idolatry.

Lockshin has clearly fallen into the trap of typical reform movements. Seemingly unaware of the workings of Halachic methodology, of the principles of Halachic hermeneutics, he repeats the classical reform arguments about alleged changes in Halachah. He fails to understand the obvious distinction between *changing a legal principle*, and adopting additional restrictions or obligations. The creation of the *ketubah*, the curtailment of polygamy (among Ashkenazy Jews), or the enactment of the *prozbol*, in no way whatsoever constitute any changes in the law. To take advantage of loopholes in the law, or to curtail certain liberties and to add obligations, is not the same as to permit the forbidden. Even in the area of additional restrictions, this is never in the sense of an *a priori* prohibition of the permitted, but as a consensual "fence around the Torah."

Social changes may, and will, stimulate new directions in Halachah, to bring to bear the Torah-view to the new inventions and situations. There is great similarity here between applying the underlying principle of an original constitution or code of secular laws to new circumstances. At no time, however, can there be changes in the immutable system or principles of the Divine law of Halachah itself.

Prof. Lockshin cites two examples of alleged "changes in Halachah to accomodate women." One is the increasing number of women entering the work force. I really wonder: what is he talking about? Jewish women, including Hasidic ones, have been in the workforce since time immemorial. Throughout Jewish history it was quite normal for women to be breadwinners. The wives of some of our greatest rabbis used to work or run businesses so that their husbands could devote themselves to their Torah-studies. Where is the change?

His second example is the education of women. He writes that a system of universal Jewish education was unthinkable up to recent times, for, "as the rabbis taught, it was forbidden for a man to teach his daughter Torah, and, if he did so, it was as if he had taught her licentiousness."

Unfortunately, Prof. Lockshin again failed to research his material. Universal Jewish education for men and women has a precedent as early as Biblical times: In the days of King Hezekiah there was not a single boy or girl, man or woman, from Gabbat to Antipris, who was not thoroughly versed in the most complex laws of purity and impurity (Sanhedrin 94b). In other words, they knew more than any contemporary professors of Jewish studies and graduates of Yeshivot!

Opinions Differ On Teaching Women Torah

As for his allegation about the rabbis' teaching, it is clear that he relied once more on secondary works. Had he gone to the sources, he would soon discover that there is no such statement that "it is forbidden for a man to teach his daughter Torah." The Mishnah states that Ben Azzai derived from the laws of a *sotah* that "a man is *under the obligation to teach* his daughter Torah!" Rabbi Eliezer argues the point by saying that whoever teaches his daughter Torah is as though teaching her *tiflut*. (*Sotah* 20a)

Please note: a) To say that "the rabbis taught" — without qualification is a distortion. Obviously there is a dispute among the teachers of the Mishnah. b) R. Eliezer does not say that one is *forbidden* to teach girls, but regards this as undesirable. c) The commentators and codes explain quite clearly that (i) R. Eliezer refers only to the *average* girl and not all of them; (ii) that even with regards to the average girl, R. Eliezer refers specifically to teaching them the complex intricacies of Talmudic analysis, and not to Scripture and Halachah; (iii) notwithstanding that girls and women are exempt from the Biblical precept to *study* Torah, they, *no less than men*, are obligated to learn and know all the *mitzvot* and laws — except for the few *mitzvot* of which they are exempt (see Maïmonides, and Shulchan Aruch, *Hilchot Talmúd Torah*, and the commentaries ad loc.). d) Some commentators suggest that the word *tiflut* may mean licentiousness, but most follow Maïmonides in interpreting it to mean frivolity.

I trust that there is no need to cite examples of learned Jewish women who reached high levels of Torah-scholarship, from Talmudic times onwards. Moreover, many were encouraged by the leading rabbis of their times. For reasons of *tzeniyut* (modesty), however, girls learned in the shelters of their homes. Whatever changes did occur, then, were essentially sociological ones. Modern times, with their pervading alien influences and the secular school-system, necessitated a move from the often limited education in the home to a professional school-system under Torah-auspices. This was not a change in Halachah or its principles, but in social norms.

As for Dr. Lockshin's undisguised attack on Hasidism, he is again unfamiliar with his topic. He is obviously unaware that the founders and leaders of Hasidism, starting with the Baal Shem Tov and his disciples, and the Maggid and his disciples, were not only masters of the Kabbalah, but also Halachic authorities whose Talmudic proficiency matched that of any of their opponents.

To draw an analogy between the so-called innovations of Hasidism and the attempted reforms by feminists is either naive ignorance or crude distortion.

Feminists want to change the system, the rules and the foundations. They seek unilaterally to impose their ambitions and desires upon historical Judaism, and for Torah to grant them a *hechsher* for their ego-trip. Their demands for *minyanim*, equal participation in all rituals, and even ordination, have been examined and rejected unanimously by all Halachic authorities. Even the right-wing Conservative clergy, still sensitive to the

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values of traditional Judaism, have recognized and publicly condemned these demands as inconsistent with the letter and spirit of our tradition.

As for the Hasidic "innovations" — there is not a single one of these that has been "invented" by Hasidism and that is not rooted in Halachic literature and practice. Every one of these so-called innovations was adopted and sanctioned by Halachic scholars and authorities. There are literally hundreds of responsa in Rabbinic literature analyzing and defending these "innovations." In fact, many of them have long since become the standard practice for *all* of normative orthodoxy (e.g., the honed slaughter-knives which, in the heat of the battle against Hasidism, were condemned by the Mitnagdim as rendering the animals *trefah*).

Innovations Of Baal Shem Tov No Different From Those Of Vilna Gaon

The innovations of the Baal Shem Tov and his disciples, whether in liturgy or practices, do not differ in principle from the innovations of the Vilna Gaon and his disciples. As stated above, and as known to any student of Rabbinics, the founders of Hasidism and their disciples were Talmudic giants and Halachic authorities second to none. A little bit of bibliographical research will reveal to Dr. Lockshin that the greater part of the major Talmudic commentaries, Halachic analyses and responsa-literature produced in the past two centuries, and presently studied in *all* Yeshivot of every persuasion, was written by authors of Hasidic affiliation.

Prof. Lockshin makes specific reference to the Hasidic changes in the liturgy and its scheduling of prayer-times. He does not seem to know that except for the basic structure instituted by the sages, there is no standard *Siddur*. Much of liturgy and synagogue-services is dependent on local customs and practices, within the Ashkenazy tradition as well as within the Sephardy tradition. There is no uniform "traditional Ashkenazie liturgy," as he suggests. There are numerous differences within *Nussach Ashkenaz* even as there are in *Nussach Sepharad*.

The change from *Ashkenaz* to the semi-*Sepharad nussach* adopted by Hasidism was not an innovation of the Hasidic movement. This was initiated by the universally acclaimed R. Isaac Luria, in the sixteenth century, based on a combination of Halachic and Kabbalistic considerations. Luria's changes (*Nussach Ari*) were adopted by many scholars, in particular mystics, throughout the world.

This was not a change from outside. It followed strict Halachic criteria and precedents. The contentions about this change were not whether such a change is legitimate *per se*. The early controversy was about the principles of changing local norms, potential division within the community, and whether such changes are appropriate for the masses or only for those of higher spiritual perfection. The responsa-literature of both Hasidic and non-Hasidic scholars makes this quite clear in its extensive discussion of the issue.

As for the times of prayer: Once again I am puzzled by Dr. Lockshin's suggestion that there is a contradiction between Halachah and conducting prayers at 10 am. The only time-stipulations in Halachah refer to reading the *Shema* (as part of the service, or *independently*) before one quarter of the day passes, and saying the *Amidah* before a third of the day has passed. There is, then, no difference between weekdays, Shabbat or *Yom Tov*, whether one starts at 7, 8, 9 or 10 am (except for the restrictions about certain activities before prayer).

As a matter fo fact, it may interest Dr. Lockshin that there are situations where one can legitimately set out to say the Amidah even *after* a third of the day has passed. In the responsa *Eretz Tzvi*, sect. 36 (and see there also sect. 9), the author offers *several* Halachic arguments to justify the practice of some to start their morning-prayers later than the normal times.

Prof. Lockshin has one more reference to a Hasidic practice which he thinks to be antithetical to Halachah, namely that of Hasidim leaving their families to spend *Yom Tov* with the *Rebbe*. Again he failed to do research. To satisfy even a would-be *Mitnagid*, I will simply refer him to just one source of a universally acknowledged, non-Hasidic authority. Rabbi S.B. Sofer of Pressburg, in his responsa *Shevet Sofer*, Orach Chayim, no. 17, discusses the issue at length and proves the Hasidic custom to be fully consistent with the letter and spirit of all Halachic considerations.

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Prof. Lockshin is not arguing with me. He has simply chosen a different approach to Torah and Halachah, which is neither mine nor that of normative orthodoxy.

Comparing Feminists To Jezebel Not An Insult

One final point. I am careful in choosing my words. My comparing feminist reformers to Jezebel was not a flippant bon-mot. Only those unfamiliar with Jewish tradition could read it as a crude insult. Jezebel, according to the Midrash, is the perfect example of modern feminists who seek to remould Torah and ritual to the image of their personal desires and intents. For Jezebel was a woman meticulous in her observance of *mitzvot* that appealed to her emotions. She showed great empathy with those in need of sympathy, and was rewarded by Heaven for her acts of *gemilut chassadim* (performance of kindness).

Obligations and practices that did not appeal to her, however, Jezebel rejected and fought. And in that context she rejected and fought also the religious leaders who defended Torah and Halachah. The consequences of this kind of religion, where you choose and pick according to your own caprices and the latest fashions of the world around you, are clearly described in our Scriptures. That approach is self-worship, as opposed to worship of God. It is the crudest form of idolatry.

The truly religious person does not ask "What can God do for me?" He or she asks: "What can I do for God?" And God has already answered by giving us the Torah and *mitzvot* as they have been passed on to us in an unbroken chain of tradition.

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Prof. Lockshin Responds:

I am pleased that Rabbi Schochet responded to my article at such great length. It should now be easy for a reader to judge between our respective viewpoints.

Rabbi Schochet feels that I should not have cited his views based on press reports. I apologize for any inaccuracies. However, I invite the reader to judge whether Rabbi Schochet's detailed response here diverges significantly from what I quoted in his name.

As to substance, I argued in my article that even the Hasidic movement has been affected by feminism. I cited a sociologist who claims that many more Hasidic women work now than did forty years ago. Rabbi Schochet disagrees. Let the reader decide.

I claimed that universal education for Jewish women is a modern innovation. Rabbi Schochet counters with a legend about ritual impurity. Let the reader decide.

Rabbi Schochet feels that a rabbinic text that I cited was manufactured. It can be found in Maimonides, Talmud Torah 1:13.

Fundamentally, Rabbi Schochet and I disagree on the following question: is it important to know when a specific halakhic text was written?

For example, a mishnah disparages teaching "Torah" to women. Another text, written over sixteen centuries later, has a different approach: most Torah *may* be taught to women; just a little bit may not be taught. For Rabbi Schochet, the second text cannot and does not disagree with the first. It simply elaborates and explains the true meaning of the first text. There is no conflict, because the texts are read as one and the time gap is ignored. For me, these texts demonstrate graphically how, and when, Jewish law changed. (Students of the history of Halakhah will know that there were a number of intermediate steps along the way, too.)

Another example: Rabbi Schochet correctly notes that some Halakhic authorities wrote rationalizations for some Hasidic innovations. Undoubtedly Rabbi Schochet knows that these justifications were written *after* the fact, *after* the innovations had caught on in sizable circles. To Rabbi Schochet that fact is unimportant. To me, it is crucial.

Finally and above all, Rabbi Schochet feels that observant Jewish women who hope for some elasticity in the Halakhic system should be lumped together with those who oppose the entire system. I disagree. Rabbi Schochet still insists on the right to refer to Orthodox Jewish feminists as Jezebels. I still counsel a more temperate approach.

Since I came to the defence of these "Jezebels", I am not surprised to find that Rabbi Schochet questions my Orthodoxy and belittles my knowledge.

Still, I will continue to pray three times each day (at the Halakhically appropriate hours!) that I be granted the "knowledge, understanding and insight" to understand the Torah properly. I trust that Rabbi Schochet joins me in that prayer.

ABORTION
ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

by Janet Ajzenstat

THE pro-choice movement has changed its position radically in the last year or so. Pro-choicers used to argue — as Henry Morgentaler still does — that abortion removed only a cluster of tissue from the woman's womb, nothing living, and certainly nothing that could be called a human being. They now readily admit that a living and developing human being is present from conception. But adopting this new premise has not lead them to accept a new conclusion. On the contrary, the movement argues more vehemently than ever that abortion is justified when and because the mother desires it.

Rabbi Kenneth I. Segel's article in the summer issue of *Viewpoints* is a good illustration of the new pro-choice view. Segel admits that the fetus is a human child. He believes nevertheless that a woman's free and "prayerful" choice legitimizes the abortion that will end that child's life.

When the idea that abortion removed only tissue was current, it was perhaps understandable that many Jews argued for the abolition of abortion restrictions. Freer access to abortion seemed to them to be part of the movement for a larger place for women in society. The position required them to ignore the traditional Jewish argument against abortion, but it was perhaps typically Jewish insofar as it reflected a desire to help those believed disadvantaged. But it now appears that the pro-choice position requires acceptance of what even Rabbi Segel says is, "in a sense," murder. Abortion takes a life, he admits, and "any taking of life can be considered murder."

It is not hard to understand why Rabbi Segel and others like him have come to acknowledge that an abortion takes a life. In the last few years a new technology has given us moving pictures of the living fetus. Millions of women and men have now seen their own child before birth on the ultrasound screen, perhaps as early as ten weeks from conception. Still photographs of fetuses have been available from the 1960s. They are often striking and may show details that the ultrasound camera does not pick up. But ultrasound shows the child alive and moving — and this makes all the difference. From seven or eight weeks the new being can move independently. From ten, twelve weeks, that movement can be seen through ultrasound. The tiny mite turns its head and sucks its thumb. The arms thrust out, the legs kick. It is astonishingly complete and baby-like at an astonishingly early age. What the young parents, and sometimes grandmothers and siblings, see on the small screen is a flickering black and white movie of their own undoubtedly living and lively new baby, still inside the mother's body.

Language Of Abortion Has Changed

And so the language of abortion has had to change. What we knew before on trust, from science — or religion — we can now all see for ourselves. We can understand in the most immediate way that what is scraped out of the womb in an abortion is not merely tissue, but a living child. "Any taking of life can be considered murder:" this kind of statement from pro-choice is new in the abortion debate. No-one in the pro-choice movement a few years ago would admit the humanity of the fetus. And this surely gives us reason to look again at pro-choice conclusions. Rabbi Segel argues, for example, that we should tolerate abortion because the world is overpopulated. But how does this sit with his belief that abortion takes, not potential life, but actual lives? Of course someone arguing for abortion on population grounds is not suggesting that there should be fewer Canadians, or even, say fewer Englishmen, although the population density in that country is very high. He is saying in effect that abortion clinics should be made available in the third world countries. And indeed it is easy to feel despair when we think of the number of hungry children in those countries, the number of dying. Government aid programmes and village level development schemes seem to make so little difference. But surely it is better to go on trying to provide economic aid than to tell men and women in those countries that to help themselves and their families they must kill their unborn children?

The great moral teachers of the world tell us to heal the sick, clothe the poor, feed the hungry. But pro-choice, by admitting the humanity of the unborn child while arguing that abortions are to be permitted, tells us in effect, that we must kill the children that we cannot feed, destroy those we cannot clothe, get rid of those we cannot heal. What hope is there for human-kind when that is the best advice of those who say they want to make a better world?

Pro-choice Argues Women Choice Should Be Respected

But Rabbi Segel's argument does not rest solely on utilitarian grounds such as that the world is overpopulated. At the heart of the pro-choice position is a moral claim, the idea that woman as a free self-determining individual has a right to make decisions vitally affecting her life and well-being. And this is what persuades Rabbi Segel. He believes that women should be respected and their choices should be respected. Even when one disagrees. And this the pro-choice movement clings to, although they must now add, even when it means taking her own child's life. What Rabbi Segel sees as most intolerable about the pro-life position then is that it wishes to curtail women's choices by legislation. And on the old grounds put forward by pro-choice — on the argument that abortion merely ends a pregnancy by removing tissue — who could deny that this is a persuasive view? But is legislation still unjustified on the new grounds, now that pro-choice has acknowledged that abortion is something like murder?

Abortion Ends A Life

"Choice" has been a good slogan for that movement. Canadians firmly believe that ours is a society that tolerates free choice on important matters. And in fact Canadians can chose marriage partners, careers, place of residence — all important — and pro-choice has been extraordinarily successful in persuading people that choice with respect to abortion is like choice with respect to lifestyle. But no liberal society, however tolerant of lifestyles, has ever allowed choice where other's lives are threatened. Once we recognize that an abortion ends a life, we can surely see that this act must be regulated by law, like other violent acts, such as wife-beating, rape, manslaughter. Who would suggest that we should merely exhort the men to refrain from attacking their wives, or to exercise their "right to choose" on this matter in a "prayerful" fashion? The pro-life movement asks for a law to prevent the operation that kills the child before birth. And I suggest that legislation of this kind is not intolerant and fascistic as Rabbi Segel argues, but on the contrary, typically liberal.

Moreover liberal society at its best goes further than legislating to protect life. The just liberal society attempts to protect vulnerable members in a number of ways. We don't rely, for example, on the family's good-heartedness as the means of ensuring the welfare of our elderly population. We pass laws providing pensions and regulating nursing homes. We don't rely on the employer's generosity to secure an adequate living for employees. We legislate to protect unions and to provide a minimum wage. And as Rabbi Segel himself points out, our society doesn't leave it to the doctors, or to a committee, to decide whether the very old, sick, handicapped or "unwanted" should be given good medical care. Why then should we allow a mother to decide whether her child should live or die?

I believe that there should be assistance, counselling and material support for women who are pregnant and distressed. The pro-life movement has urged this from the beginning. The best known pro-life agency providing this service is Birthright, a woman's group helping women. And like all the pro-lifers I have ever met I think that a woman should be able to choose abortion when continuing the pregnancy threatens her life. But what we chiefly need is a law to protect the fetus — because it is a living human child. There should be a law to protect the child in the womb just as there should be a law to protect the child in the crib. And I would suggest to Rabbi Segel that a law protecting the unborn is no more illiberal or intolerant than a law protecting newborns.

"Choice" Is Disadvantageous To Women

Rabbi Segel may argue that I have not given enough thought to the fact that the child's life, for the nine months, can be saved only at the cost of the mother's trouble. And it is true that I would approve of a law to protect the unborn even if such a law usually worked to women's disadvantage in terms of money, embarrassment or pain. Who saves a life, saves a world. But in fact I am convinced that a law to protect the unborn would benefit women now and in the long run. And I am just as sure that "choice" works to women's disadvantage. When we take the woman's welfare into consideration we do not get a pro-choice conclusion. Quite the contrary.

In the first place although freedom of choice helps women when they want abortions, it penalizes them when they want to keep the child. It has become easier for husbands and boyfriends to leave the pregnant woman. ("She could have got rid of it.") Husbands and boyfriends have come to expect that women will not have inconvenient pregnancies. The women's movement at the outset had the goal of involving men in parenting to a greater extent, and encouraging them especially to enjoy caring for very young children. But in campaigning for abortion rights it has insisted that the child's very existence, its very right to life, must always be the mother's choice — "Abortion is a matter for a woman and her doctor only" — and this has had the effect of strengthening the idea that children are the woman's responsibility and the woman's alone. Is it surprising then that women are more often left alone with the children?

Employers too have come to expect that women will not have inconvenient pregnancies. Willingness to end inconvenient pregnancies used to be a condition of employment chiefly for prostitutes. But now? Observers of the women's movement, like Jean Bethke Elstain, have noted that it has not been able to give up abortion as a central tenet even though, especially in the United States, "choice" has come more and more to be seen an obstacle to building support on other issues. I would argue that this is because the movement's original insistence on "choice" has brought about the social changes that are making abortion seem ever more necessary to ever more women, even the women with doubts.

Abortion rates have been rising steadily. The Globe and Mail for September 3, 1985, notes that after the abortion laws in the United States were struck down by Roe v. Wade in 1973, the number of abortions soared from 600,000 annually to 1.6 million. In Canada we went from less than 10,000 annually before the law was changed in 1969, to more than 65,000. (See Ian Gentles, *The Law and Abortion, An International Study*, Ottawa: Human Life Research Institute, 1985.) In a city like Toronto, as the Globe reported last year, about half the children conceived are aborted before birth. With the loosening of the law, I suggest, we are creating the conditions that lead even once reluctant women to feel that it is necessary, let alone socially acceptable, to sacrifice the child. The pro-choice movement began as a way of securing a wider freedom for women. What is it becoming? If willingness to consider tearing the living child from the womb is expected of them as a condition of their participation in the larger world of employment and opportunity, then "choice" has penalized all women.

The idea that "choice" benefits women belongs with the old suppositions about abortion. It is unacceptable once it has been acknowledged that abortion takes life. It cannot be just, it cannot be a good for women, that our society permits and even encourages them to solve personal problems by destroying their children. Do we admire those historical periods when poor families sold their children into slavery? Why should we think it a good today that women and men are told that their personal, social and economic difficulties can be remedied by killing babies before birth?

There Are Pro-life Feminists

Pro-life feminists — and there are indeed pro-life feminists — argue that women should work to change social conditions so that both men and women feel more comfortable with

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The German Jew

by Dr. Hans I. Bach
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A Review-essay

by Rabbi Dow Marmur

This book, subtitled "A Synthesis of Judaism and Western Civilization 1730-1930", provides a basis for our understanding of all modern movements in Judaism; they all speak to us to this very day with a strong German accent: Reform and Conservative Judaism, neo-Orthodoxy, Jewish scholarship as well as political Zionism have their origins in the world of German-speaking Jewry.

In our own times the "heroes" of Dr. Bach's Book — Leopold Zunz, Abraham Geiger, Zacharias Frankel, Hermann Cohen, Samson Raphael Hirsch, Leo Baeck, Franz Rosenzweig, Martin Buber and Theodore Herzl — are still our mentors. Many contemporary thinkers and scholars writing in English — Emil Fackenheim and Gunther Plaut among them — come from the same world of German speaking "synthesis of Judaism and Western civilization." Like their forebears in Germany they are showing us how to continue the process of renewal in pain after the destruction we call Holocaust and the triumph we associate with the rebirth of *Erets Yisrael*.

Before the emergence of Moses Mendelssohn (1729-1786), to whom Bach devotes an important chapter, Judaism was characterized by the hope of "*redemption from within* which, alas, "had been bitterly shattered by that false Messiah and apostate, Sabbatai Zevi" (p. 74); now there was hope of "*liberation from without*". Mendelssohn's biography is a re-enactment of the Biblical Jacob's struggle; like the Patriarch of old this forerunner of Jewish modernity emerged both blessed and shattered by the encounter.

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Challenge Of Fusing Judaism With Modernity

The drama has been repeated many times since; in fact, it is questionable whether any of us — Reform, Conservative, modern Orthodox, Zionist — who has tried to fuse Judaism with modernity has escaped the experience. That is why we are so attracted to and so fearful of modernity.

Bach shows how the quintessential German Jew faced the stranger in the night in the form of revolutionary ideas, political liberalism, Marxist socialism, European nationalism as well as modern science. But he does not share the accepted, though largely unsubstantiated, view that Judaism was impoverished as a result, and that German Jewry had been set on a course of assimilation and disintegration. The history of German Jewry attests to the ambiguity; its lasting influence is a testimony that the opportunities outweighed the dangers.

The evidence consists in the massive educational activities that took place then and provided models for now. It was through Jewish studies, epitomized by the Frankfurt *Lehrhaus* in which Rosenzweig and Buber played such an important part, that German Jewry found its soul. The German language became the bridge between the old and the new; the original way of translating Scripture, which Buber and Rosenzweig embarked upon and which the former completed, is perhaps the finest example. There are many others. Today it is English that has become the *lingua franca* of Jewish life and scholarship, helping us to formulate ideas and practices in an idiom we can understand.

19th Century German Jews Like 20th Century Canadian Jews

Bach's description of 19th century German Jewry could fit 20th century Canadian Jewry too: "The German Jews of the time had become aware that the millennium of the emancipation, as a form of Messianic liberation, had dawned but had not yet arrived. They realized that abandoning the narrow walls as well as the security of the ghetto could not seriously mean abandoning Judaism itself. Yet to many of them the ghetto they had left behind seemed a terrifying memory. The newly won individuality of acquiring education, of being worthy to become a citizen of the Western world, was far too valuable a possession to be endangered. But this individuality required a new relationship to the internal message of Judaism, its universal religious appeal." (p. 82). What they had started we are continuing, albeit with the experience of another five decades and more of fateful history.

Jewish life in Germany a hundred years ago seems remarkably similar to ours today: Jews became urbanized and alienated: "Mass congregations tended to become composed of impersonal subscribers rather than individuals who determined the spirit of their community." Apparently, "social distinctions were sharpened, with a wealthy upper middle class living in the villas of the fashionable outer districts" (p. 142) substituting communality with charity and observance with civility. But despite the pain, Judaism lived on and was renewed.

The religious vacuum was often filled with *Kultur*: "Educated Jews flocked to theaters, concert halls, art exhibitions, and lecture rooms, yet far the fair selection of world literature on their bookshelves the Bible might be ominously missing." (p. 143). But they remained loyal Jews, looking down on those who had succumbed to the temptation of baptism in the interest of personal advancement.

Secularization Not Altogether Detrimental

According to Bach, the secularization process was not altogether detrimental to Judaism: "As a new goal, behind and above Western culture, Judaism reappeared in its timeless glory, giving meaning to life, conduct, and work, and unity and direction to culture. The quality of individuation that it could bestow helped to carry secular education in its train but no longer needed it as a carrier." (p. 219). He writes that "a centrifugal, outward-flowing movement continued, while at the same time a centripetal, inward-directed movement gained momentum." (p. 217). The same may be going on in Canadian Jewry now, and indeed everywhere in the Diaspora.

This dynamic process came to an abrupt and tragic end with the advent of Hitler. German Jewry nearly became the paradigm of modern Diaspora existence, but in reality it was used as an example and a warning to all who espouse modernity. That this latter judgement is unfair has been amptly documented in this eminently readable and highly informative book. We have every reason to salute the Littman Library (whose monumental contribution to Jewish publishing is sadly unknown in Canada) for its initiative to bring out posthumously this labour of love by a fine scholar and a brilliant writer. We now eagerly await the promise of a second volume consisting of an anthology of primary texts in support of this narrative that describes the Jewish past in Germany but illumines the Jewish present everywhere.

ABORTION

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the fact of women's pregnancies. They are appalled by the idea that women might be required to deny their defining function in order to exercise their talents in business and politics. Traditional women argue that we should try to minimize the number of unwanted pregnancies by chastity outside marriage and faithfulness within marriage, and encourage help for women during pregnancy and after by providing social services and by strengthening the family.

Both views say "yes" to the unborn child. Can a woman forget her infant? asks Isaiah. Can a woman forget to pity her own child? And both views take women as they are. They do not require women to make themselves over in the image of men. Both seem to me infinitely more humane, and infinitely more respectful of women, than the society that is developing now under the requirement for "choice."

Rabbi Segel Responds:

Ms. Ajzenstat deals with a complex and controversial issue. Obviously, there is room for differences of opinion.

I never wrote that "the foetus is a human child". The real issue isn't in defining life but rather in determining when that life becomes a human being. On this point, I cannot intellectually or emotionally accept Ms. Ajzenstat's contention that abortion is equivalent to murder or to such violent acts as rape or manslaughter. Though the abortion of a foetus is not equivalent to taking life, it does represent the destruction of potential life and must not be undertaken lightly.

Rashi to B. Sanhedrinb 72b says that as long as the foetus does not go forth "into the air of the world" it is not considered a *nefesh* and therefore, may be slain to save the mother. In fact, there is some assistance to this point of view from the law (codified in Choshen Mishpat 423), that if a man happens to strike a pregnant woman and the child is destroyed, he has to pay money damages for the harm to the woman and the loss of the child.

But why should he not be guilty of a capital crime, having killed the child? Joshua Falk (16th-17th century) in his classic commentary Me-Irat Einayim to the passage in Choshen Mishpat 425 (end of section 8), develops the opinion of Rashi and says clearly "While the foetus is within the body of the mother it may be destroyed even though it is alive, for every foetus that does not come out or has not come out into the light of the world is not described as a *nefesh*."

Ben Zion Uziel, a former Sephardic Chief Rabbi, (in Mishpetei Uzi-el III, 46 and 47), concludes that an unborn foetus has no independent life. "If there is a worthwhile purpose, just as a person may sacrifice a limb to be cured of a worse sickness, so may the foetus be destroyed for the mother's benefit."

Ms. Ajzenstat claims that she and all pro-lifers she has met think that a woman should be able to choose abortion when continuing the pregnancy threatens her life. I suggest that Ms. Ajzenstat is out of touch with the pro-life leadership, philosophy, and literature. Most pro-life activists, who are usually women, roundly condemn any abortion even when the mother's life is threatened. The Catholic position favoring the child's life over the mother's is well documented.

Ms. Ajzenstat's arguments about pro-choice penalizing women who want to keep their babies are not supported by the available data. On the contrary, recent U.S. studies vividly show that unmarried women are proudly choosing to go to full term with little or no shame. Indeed, the public's attitude toward illegitimacy has become increasingly more tolerant as a result of "do your own thing" and the sexual revolution.

Certainly, abortion should never be looked upon as a means of birth control. I am pleased that Ms. Ajzenstat agrees with me that much greater effort should be made to strengthen the quality of our marriages and the wholesomeness of our family life.

We are confronted by a serious dilemma. On the one hand, refusal to legalize abortion is obviously discriminatory; on the other hand, permitting abortion on demand means sanctioning a practice that at best is ethically dubious and socially corrosive, undermining what is perhaps the most sacred value in the Hebraic tradition, the sense of life as holy.

I believe the law on abortion should be sensitive to genuine cases of hardship and misery that are not soluble in any other way. But society has an obligation to educate its members to ethical standards that rise above the level of abortion on demand. In other words, abortion should be legally available but ethically restricted.

Reflections On Capital Punishment

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

by Tom Brown

I am moved to contribute some dissonance into the fog of presumptive arguments being presented by fervid abolitionists in the current controversy on Capital Punishment. One would think, judging by the reflections on the subject that have appeared in the "Viewpoints" pages that there is only one point of view that is consistent with sound reasoning, high moral principles and Jewish traditions. I submit, with respect, that there is another — equally valid. Indeed there is.

As To Facts:

Some facts are more factual than others. Or, perhaps, more meaningful than others. There is an ongoing and agonizing re-appraisal of the value of re-introducing capital punishment in Canada. The pressures to do so are many, and from many sources. The crux of the soul-searching is simply this: "Would the re-introduction of capital punishment in Canada reduce the incidence of murder?" Yes, it probably would. Notwithstanding published statistics to the contrary, there is a reality that is self-evident if only by the simple logic that an executed murderer will certainly not kill again. Nothing can change that fact! A dead killer cannot kill again. A dead terrorist cannot terrorize again. The evidence is a matter of record — second and even third homicides — by parolees or escapees at large; by incarcerated prisoners with nothing to lose.

The abolitionist will be quick to seize on a seeming contradiction. "Since that *is* self-evident, howcum' the statistics have remained so constant?" "When abolition was introduced there was no marked increase in the number of homicides." "Or vice versa." Perhaps there is some mysterious element of control that governs that for every life that would be saved by the absence of a second, or third, killing — an extra "first" takes place in order to keep the "before and after" record so balanced. Now there's a thought. Perhaps so. It leads one into a labyrinth of pilpul, or point and counterpoint and does not address the question. The nation, through its elected representatives has to make a judgement and a decision. Shall the final judgement be made on considerations of statistics alone — of numbers only? Are there other facts and factors, equally important but indefinable by adding machine or computer that are being sublimated (consciously or subconsciously) by a minority of ivory tower idealists?

There is the fact of a civilized society's most precious right. The right to live in a safe, peaceful, law-abiding community. And when that community is threatened or endangered by brutal anti-social elements; by callous criminals or hate-consumed terrorists that are mistaken for human beings only because they walk upright when they hunt — does it not become our responsibility — our duty — to ourselves and our children to protect it with courage and at whatever cost? And if that cost is the surrender of a miniscule portion of moral conviction against legalized violence — then so be it — we must pay it. To do less would not be morally heroic. To do less would be to encourage the further disintegration of an already less-than-perfect society.

To-day's free civilized world has fought hard and sacrificed much for those precious rights that represent an orderly life and freedom from fear. How jealously should we guard it? Common sense and many painful

"THE MARTYRED CHILDREN" — by MIKHAIL CHEMIAKIN

lessons have exposed the fallacy of a "purist" approach. We can all agree that the equally precious right to freedom-of-speech gives no one the right to shout "fire" in a crowded theatre. We should also be able to agree that no one can claim the right (for his or her personal sense of humaneness or moral conviction) to put a peaceful community and people's lives at risk by allowing those who have tried to destroy them to survive to try again.

In this capital punishment controversy the person who sees him/her self as an empathetic idealist and moralist recoils from the concept of legalized violence. But the world is changing. In these turbulent and frightening times there is a grim and growing need to re-examine one's ideals through the magnifying glass of reality. We can no longer afford the complacency that our law-abiding community will provide a safe and protective cocoon for us and our loved ones.

As To Feelings:

It is freely acknowledged by both sides of this debate that well over 70% of our population — given the opportunity of a plebiscite — would vote for the return of capital punishment. I would be inclined to vote with them as one of the multitude, the proletariat, *hoc genus omni* without feeling at all diminished as a human being of sensitivity and ideals. I have always had a measure of uneasiness and fear of fundamentalism and its tunnel vision of *any* persuasion. I have also had some quiet, questioning reservations as to whether the elitist minority (from whatever vantage point of higher education, profession or moral stance) does, indeed, know what is best for the rest of us. Quite obviously, there are those who would not wish this issue to be decided by any popular, democratic vote. Like the Patricians of Athens they would disenfranchise the bourgeoisie with complete confidence that they are better qualified to make this kind of judgement and decision.

I believe that it is a valid assumption that all of us are sincerely grateful for the blessings of a free society in which an open, democratic vote determines the limits of our freedoms; the scope of our obligations and the standards of what shall be acceptable moral behaviour. Why not in this issue?

Many thousands of decent and dedicated police officers, penal guards and other law-enforcement personnel clear across the nation are angry and outraged at the present policy because they see themselves as "expendable" in that they are forced to do their duty and risk their lives (in their phrasing) with one hand tied behind their backs. They charge that the rest of us can afford to indulge our sensitivities so long as they are the ones exposed to risk. This, surely, is a natural human reaction. Do such expressed, honest sentiments imply a weakness in personality, a lack of understanding, an absence of a proper level of idealism and moral standards?

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" (A CHAGALL TRANSFORMATION) by MIKHAIL CHEMIAKIN

Are the spokespeople for the abolitionists really prepared to defend their convictions to the full extent of absurdity that is made possible? Given their "druthers" Eichman would be alive today. Would they have felt better, more humane, if he were? And the nightmarish Mengele' if alive and caught would be ensconced in a fairly comfortable cell (the C.L.U. might see to that) and supported in relative dignity for the rest of his days. And to draw this fantasy to an outer limit of horror — some of his tortured victims or their relatives or descendants — could be paying some of their earnings in taxes to make this possible. Farfetched, manipulative thinking. Of course it is. But not inconceivable. Would such a scenario make people more sensitive, more liberal, more humane?

All the world knows that not one of the group of terrorists that participated in the massacre of the Israeli athletes in Munich has been left alive. They were made the objects of an organized, implacable hunt by the Israeli secret service and every one of them paid the price of murder with his own life. Abolitionists, particularly Jewish ones, may have been made uncomfortable by the harshness of the tactics and the facts. But they managed restraint. They were not dehumanized by the state-approved executions. Their ideals remain pristine. They managed a great, great silence.

Which begs the question again and demands an answer. Are reasonable, middle-of-the-road abolitionists prepared to grant in common sense that there is room for some exemptions; for special situations and for particularly unconscionable acts of murder or terror? Israel did it for Eichman and for the Munich terrorists, and for others since then. Who, then, shall be the arbiter, the final judge as to what horror, and by whom, will justify setting aside profound moral convictions. Again and Again. Is it possible for one to be a little "abolitionist — and just a little anti-abolitionist" at the same time?

As To Tradition:

Jewish tradition — and I am certain that we are all willing to concede that our Torah is the basic, indisputable source of all our traditions — does not equivocate. It records in harsh and simple language that capital punishment (the ancient dictum of an-eye-for-an-eye) is an appropriate form of justice for the murderer and an appropriate and necessary form of protection for the community. The fact that this dictum has been subject to interpretation and re-interpretation over the many centuries is not particularly significant or surprising. So have a thousand other biblical dictums and commandments that our most learned Rabbis have struggled with over a millenium of time in sincere and passionate attempts to make them acceptable to their intellect, the time frame in which they were studied, and above all — to their faith. After all it was conceded by the most pious of Orthodox that the time frame of the writings was Biblical; that customs and mores of life were ancient and very, very different. And so they devoted their lives to struggling with interpretations — and many still do — attempting to find reasons for strict observance; or, perhaps, to illuminate profound truths and unassailable arguments for non-observance. And not just in the area of capital punishment, but in all aspects of Jewish life and conduct — from kashruth to shatnus; from women's rights to Sabbath elevators.

And so it seems that if we go looking for the answer in original Jewish tradition we will find that it opts, quite clearly, in favour of capital punishment. If we look for it in the interpreted forms thereof we will find as many different versions of abolitionist viewpoint as there are great Rabbis, Reform, Conservative or Orthodox, each of whom would have us accept their point of view as more fitting to modern times and their vision of a more humane and less brutalizing contemporary society.

Unfortunately, many survivors, hostages, widows, police, M.P.s, members of the Judiciary, as well as over 70% of the population do not agree with that vision. Perhaps there may come a time, in a different world, when serenity and peace will be part of the air which we will all breathe and fear shall be only history. Then abolition can be brought back as the law of the land to great hozannas of welcome. Please God that that may happen. I hope so.

In another time. But now is not the time. Not now.

Viewpoints

Letters

I would like to comment on the article by Professor Brym in the Summer issue of *Viewpoints* — "The Modern Secular Jew".

It seems to me that there is a contradiction between the viewpoint of the writer based upon many facts and references, that modern Judaism (or Judaism as perceived by modern Jews) is not distinct or different from other religions, ethical or humanistic ideas, ideals or schools of thought, and his conclusion as a result of a nice story and some dialectic exercises — that we are or should be distinct and superior. The title mentions 'secular' but in the article itself this attribute practically vanishes and only the expression 'modern' is treated and I am asking what is the exact definition of 'modern' in relation to Judaism, if there exists one?

In my opinion modern Judaism is distinct and different from other people and religions. Not everybody will accept that it is superior, but observing the number of Jews who are active in every movement for justice and against oppression (I deny that this is only a result of self interest) and lately also the high percentage of Jewish youths in the various new 'sects' (also the many new converts, "Chozrim Betshuva") we must conclude that there is a special consistent drive in this people to search for truth and justice. As a result of our extended culture, it became a second nature.

Zionism was inspired by the ideas of the right of self determination and nationalism, which got a foothold in society at that period and was propagated by revolutionary Jews who sought the 'normalization' of the Jewish people, by disavowing its choseness. It is definitely, in my opinion, still an open question if and to what extent the 'normalization' process has succeeded in Israel, but we must make the most important distinction between Judaism and how some or a large number of Jews live and act in a certain period and in a specific set of circumstances. The Jewish people is undergoing a spiritual crisis, which is not a new situation in our long history, but it is now more dangerous because it spreads over the whole Jewish world community, due to the impact of instant world-wide communication. It is the duty of the spiritual leaders of the 'modern' Jews to intepret Judaism — the true and everlasting — in a way understandable and suitable for the current period and to stress its universal moral values. We have so much that is positive in our rich heritage that we can and must be proud of it and of our choseness. Western civilization has taken over — alas not in its entirety and purity — our heritage and moral values. We have to present all these facts and ideas in the appropriate way to our 'modern brethren' and mainly to our youth who are longing for a meaningful identity.

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Professor Brym responds:

I wrote that (a) modernisation has resulted in a lessening of the differences between Jewish and non-Jewish forms of thought and (b) modern secular Jews can and ought to try to create a new sense of Jewish chosenness. (a) is a description, (b) a hope; although one may dispute the accuracy of the former and the realism of the latter, it escapes me how the two statements are in any way contradictory. In fact, Mr Heger himself appears to agree with both points in the body of his letter. "Zionism", he writes, "was inspired by the ideas of the right of self determination and nationalism". Isn't this an example of just the sort of convergence I had in mind? Further: "It is the duty of the spiritual leaders of the 'modern' Jews to... stress. (Judaism's) universal moral values". My point precisely.

Mr Heger is also wrong to stress that "there is a special consistent drive in (the Jewish) people to search for truth and justice" and to fight "against oppression". These leftish principles are being abandoned by many Jews. Several good survey-based studies have thus documented the rightward drift in Jewish politics in the United States, England, and elsewhere over the past couple of decades. In Israel every relevant public opinion poll shows a similar tendency since the Six Day War. To be sure, these are overall trends and admit of many exceptions. But they are nonetheless real. I fear that more and more Jews are comfortable expressing the sorts of ugly sentiments voiced by a former President of the Canadian Zionist Federation with whom I debated the prospects for peace in the Middle East at a public forum in a Toronto synagogue in September 1984. In order to emphasize his view that Israelis want peace more than Arabs (which may or may not be true), he was moved to proclaim that "no mother cries for her dead children like a Jewish mother". If this devaluation of non-Jewish life represents the state of morality among even a small segment of Jewry we are in big trouble.

HORSE AND RIDER — by MOE REINBLATT — GALERIE MIHALIS

INTERVIEW

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Hershorn: Why has due process in these cases taken so long?

Marx: Governments must proceed in a fair manner but also in a very strict manner. I think we can strip Canadians of their citizenship if they misrepresented the facts to obtain Canadian citizenship. There should not be a limitation on prosecution and the government should act accordingly.

Hershorn: The Mulroney government has recently set up the Deschenes Commission to look into Nazi war criminals in Canada — 40 years after World War II.

Marx: A similar point could be made as to why we are currently discussing the possibility of reparations for Japanese Canadians who were unfairly and unjustly dispossessed.

Hershorn: Why did the government lack the will to act prior to the Mulroney Conservatives? Pierre Trudeau was certainly known as a civil libertarian.

Marx: Happily we have arrived at a point where there is a will to act.

Hershorn: You're not answering the question.

Marx: Governments were simply not interested. The MacKenzie King government in the 40s and 50s did not act on this matter. The sensitivity we have to rights and freedoms today did not exist in the past in Canada. The whole momentum to protect rights and freedoms in Canada is a new phenomenon. We've reached a level of consciousness collectively where Canadians are prepared to act in this arena. I don't think a government could, for many reasons — not only politically but also legally because of our Charter of Rights — get away with oversights in human rights that previous governments did not treat.

Hershorn: There have been convictions on charges of carrying on a retail business or offering goods or services for sale on Sunday. Do these convictions offend the fundamental freedom of conscience and religion guaranteed by Section 2(a) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

Marx: We have laws in various provinces which provide that stores or other business establishments must be closed on Sunday. The argument is that Sunday has become a secular holiday and it's no longer a religious holiday as it may have been in the past. But when you examine the effects of this legislation, it makes it difficult for Shomer Shabbos Jews to operate their stores or their businesses 6 days a week. We have a case that was just decided by the Ontario Court of Appeals called Videoflicks Ltd. which has now gone to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Ontario Court of Appeal, in a unanimous decision, stated that the Ontario law which forces Sunday closing of businesses does not apply to Shomer Shabbos Jews who close their stores from Friday sundown until Saturday night. The decision was based on the freedom of religion provisions of the Charter and also the multicultural provisions in the Charter. Section 27 of the Charter says explicitly,

"This Charter shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of the multicultural heritage of Canadians." This multi-cultural heritage obviously includes religion. It is obvious that religion is considered a cultural value. In this particular decision the Ontario Court of Appeals has moved far beyond the Supreme Court of the United States' position. In that Court's dealings with similar issues they have essentially stated that the requirement to close businesses on Sunday is an economic burden that people should bear. It doesn't prevent you from exercising your religion whereas the Ontario decision has gone a lot further towards allowing people to freely exercise their religion. I believe the Ontario Court's decision is extremely important for the religious freedom of all Canadians. We currently must wait for the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on this matter.

Hershorn: Should the Canadian Charter be strengthened?

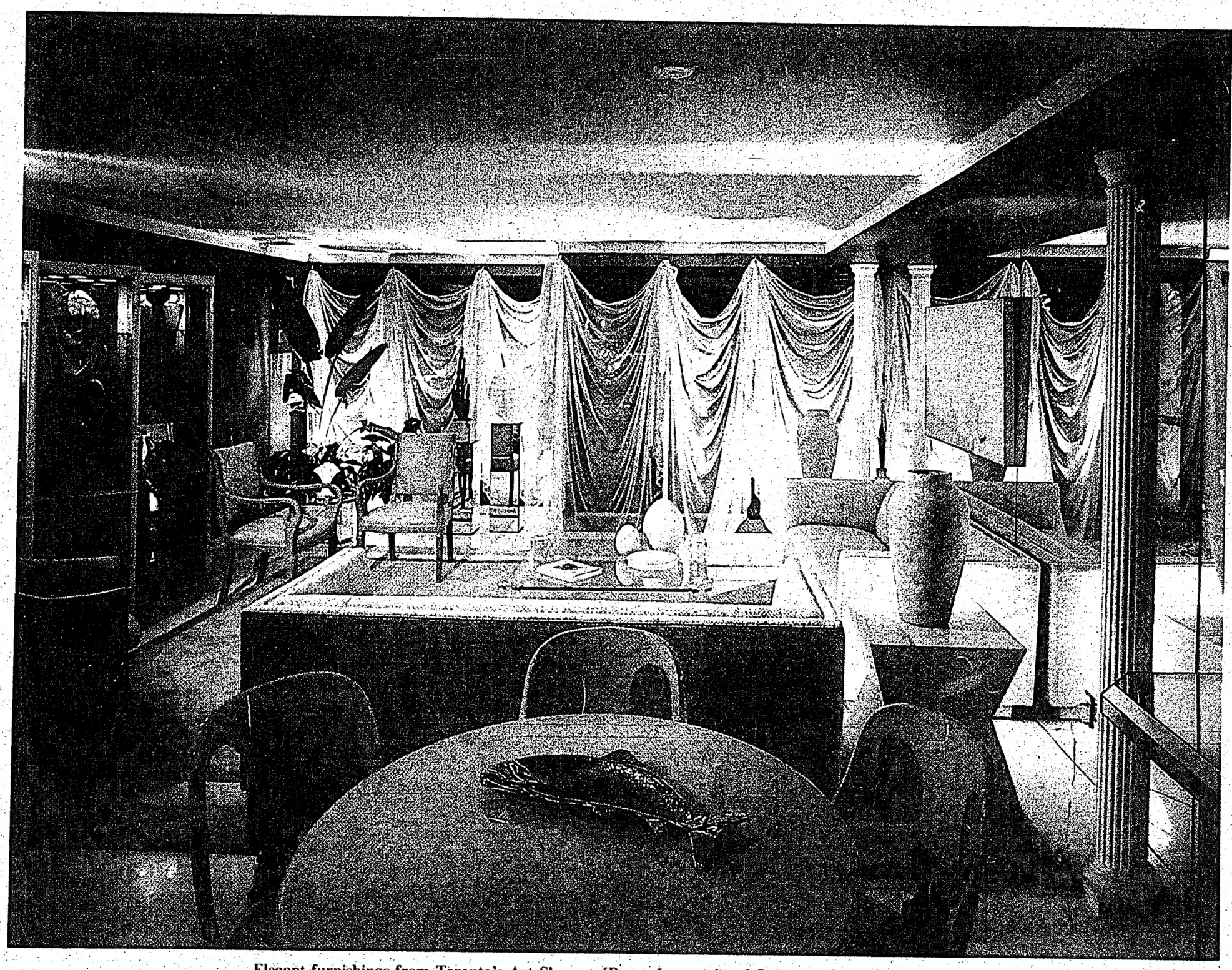
Marx: I think the weak link in the Canadian Charter is that it allows in Section 33 for provincial legislatures or for the federal parliament to override the Charter in different laws. Quebec, for political purposes, since 1982, has exempted all Quebec legislation from Charter applications. In the Canadian Bill of Rights we also have a "notwithstanding clause". During the 1970 October Crisis when Canada passed a special emergency powers bill, the government provided in that legislation that notwithstanding the Canadian Bill of Rights, this legislation applied. The danger of having a "notwithstanding clause" will become evident when we need protection most — we will not have it. When you have a "notwithstanding clause" in a Charter, it's an invitation for governments to use it and governments are very prone to accept this invitation.

Hershorn: For our lay readers, would you define what "notwithstanding" means?

Marx: A "notwithstanding clause" means that in legislation you could provide that Sections 2 and 7 to 15 of the Canadian Charter which deals with fundamental freedoms, legal rights and equality rights are not applicable to that particular legislation. That legislation is therefore valid even if it runs counter to those rights and freedoms. "Notwithstanding" therefore means the legislation is paramount to the Charter.

Hershorn: You expressed deep concern about Gérald Godin's (Quebec Minister of Cultural Communities) suggestion that Bill 101 (Quebec's Language Legislation) be placed outside the realm of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Marx: Anybody who challenges a law on constitutinal grounds cannot be prevented from going to court. In our heirarchy of values, we should place the Canadian Charter of Rights and the Quebec Charter of Rights above all other legislation, including Bill 101.



Elegant furnishings from Toronto's Art Shoppe. [Roger Jewett photo] Story, more photos on page 2.

One of the many fine place settings from Villeroy & Boch. Story, more photos on page 8.

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Home Decor

Lots to see at International Centre

DecorAction showrooms let buyers view furniture

By
LORI SMITH

"There isn't a person on this earth who isn't a potential furniture consumer," says Gail Bernstein, director of marketing at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd. in Mississauga.

And she says that the centre's (74) DecorAction showrooms are a dynamic source of information for anyone interested in buying furniture.

She explains that DecorAction! The Furniture Mart is unique in North America because it is one of the few places that people can see complete collections of products from a number of manufacturers.

"It's a much wider collection from any manufacturer then you will see in a store and you can get a real product education because the people in the showrooms are well trained. They know their product. They know its benefits and what goes into it and why it's more expensive."

Bernstein says that while none of the showrooms are retail outlets, consumers can visit them, decide what product they would like to purchase and the showroom representative will refer them to a retailer in their area who will sell them the product and service it.

"Most people who come here are anxious to purchase furniture. They have been to a number of retailers and not found exactly what they want.

"But 70% of the visits here result in a retail purchase. That's a much higher statistic than those of retail furniture stores and departments."

She explains that the primary buyers in the showrooms are retailers and that interior decorators also order from them.

"And they have a lot going on in export to the United States and other centres because foreign buyers have easy access to the centre from the airport."

Bernstein adds that the centre is also the home of the Toronto furniture market which is the largest market of its type in Canada.

"Eight to 10,000 buyers come from across Canada and there's 550,000 square feet of residential furnishings on display. And though it is primarily for the buyers, the public can usually come in two nights."

The manufacturers with showrooms at the centre offer a wide range of household furnishings and accessories including mattresses, pictures, modular furniture, traditional furniture and lamps.

Art Shoppe coordinator discusses trends

Feeling of elegance can be maintained in small areas

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

Pastels — aqua, rose, mauve, are still important, says John Barr of the Art Shoppe, but there is "a softening and deepening of the colors." Black and white are also in vogue, he adds.

Barr, who is merchandising coordinator for the prestigious furniture store which has become a landmark on Yonge St. just south of Eglinton Ave., sees other trends as well.

Not only are upholstery tones changing, but the background is becoming more prominent with such shades as plum and burgundy replacing "ice cream" tints for walls.

And because space is often limited, particularly in the new urban condominiums, much of the furniture is scaled down.

But, says Barr, lush fabrics, exotic wood burls, lacquer and gilt are being incorporated to maintain a feeling of elegance in small areas.

Intricate carving and inlay are also featured. An Egyptian influence is evident in the repetition of the sphinx image.

Touring the store, he points out an exqusite semi-circular occasional piece which opens into a round card table. Top and apron are integrally inlaid.

This is part of a collection modeled after traditional patterns selected from stately homes in Britain by Sir Humphrey Wakefield, for manufacture by the Baker Furniture Company in Holland, Michigan.

Included is a replica of Benjamin Disraeli's desk in hand tooled green leather and mahogany.

"You wouldn't expect to find craftsmen in the United States who can do such work today," he notes, "but in the 17th century, the best English furniture was frequently produced by cabinet makers who had fled religious persecution in Holland.

"Some of their descendants now live in Holland, Michigan, where they carry on with the old skills. In fact, there's such a large Dutch settlement that the city holds a tulip festival each spring."

Barr leads the way through salons where the Roche Bobois collection of distinctive contemporary furniture from Europe is displayed.

He indicates a dining table exemplifying something quite new in this country — "they've been doing it over there for three or four years" — raw wood dyed deep blue and heavily coated with clear lacquer to create an exotic marble effect.

"It can be produced in any one of 20 different colors," he says.

Art Deco is now modified to present a contemporary feeling, and Country or Provincial French appears as the more formal Louis XIV Court French, with finer lines and painted finish.

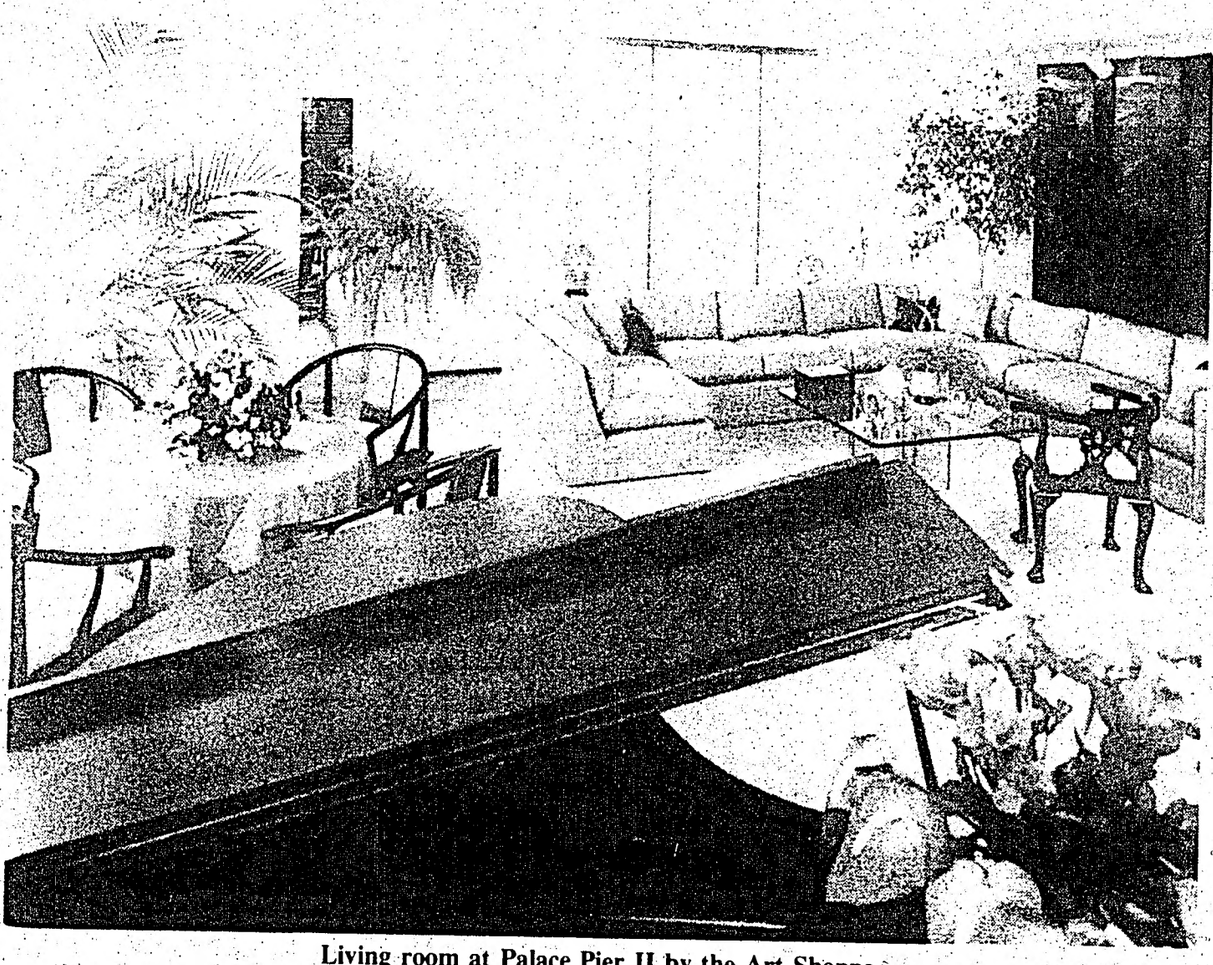
Asked about Canadian furniture, Barr explains that while Canadian manufacturers are certainly capable of making the carefully crafted pieces which the Art Shoppe offers, there is not sufficient market through the country.

Consequently, purchases for the store are generally from the United States and Europe. Some wall units and tapestries are bought in Israel.

The Art Shoppe began as a small custom upholstery business in the middle of the block where the present building stands.

Founded in 1935 by Leon Offman, it has undergone four expansions and today encompasses 75,000 square feet of showroom space plus 40,000 square feet for custom upholstery and cabinetry workshops, a design department, offices and warehousing.

Leon's sons, Allan and Martin, have taken over the operation. There are plans for a third floor addition to contain executive offices, as well as the design and credit departments, freeing more display area.



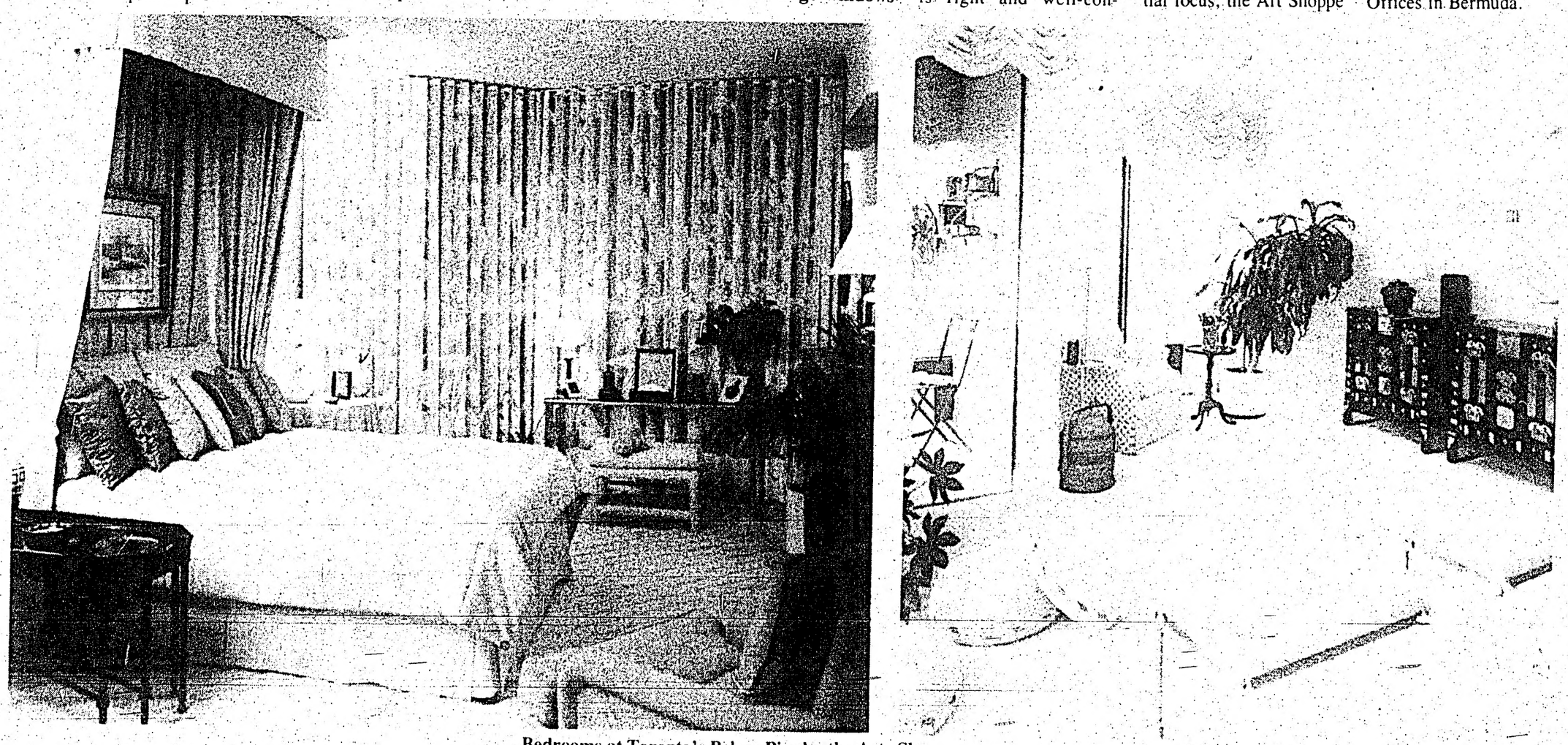
Living room at Palace Pier II by the Art Shoppe.

Perhaps best known to patrons and passersby are the seven huge windows with riveting arrangements created by the in-store designers. "We don't expect people to do their homes like this," Barr declares.

The windows are intended as a barometer of what is right and well-constructed, new and effective. And one window is usually "a lark," says Barr. A recent one was filled with sand, camels and date palms.

In addition to its residential focus, the Art Shoppe has a major cotrast division which furnishes offices and hotels across Canada, the United States and Bermuda.

Among its clients are the Hotel Pierre in Manhattan, the Meridian in Vancouver, and the American Express Offices in Bermuda.



Bedrooms at Toronto's Palace Pier by the Art Shoppe.

Close contact needed when renovating home

By CYNTHIA GASNER

"An increasing number of Toronto homeowners are considering renovations or additions to their houses as a solution to the need for increased and improved space," says Warren Grossman, an architect who specializes in converting old spaces and uses into bright new efficient ones.

"Updating an older home means adapting it to suit current lifestyles which have changed from the time of the initial construction," says the 30-year-old architect, who opened his own architectural firm 2½ years ago.

"Our approach is openness and sensitivity to our clients' needs, lifestyles and budgets. We often accompany a client to a house, in advance of an offer, as preventative medicine. This can save time and money, and the actual design can begin immediately on purchase."

At an assessing consultation, Grossman says he always includes a discussion of the client's budget so the client can relate to all the costs involved.

"We emphasize education in our work. It takes time to establish a realistic picture of what is required, the costs, and the time involved to carry out the project. But in the long run, it saves money and avoids a lot of problems later."

Grossman says that listening is their top priority. "We look for clues that defines each individual's lifestyle and vision." He explains that the architect is the catalyst in evolving a design that is tailor-made and reflects the clients way of life and needs, yet stays within the budget.

Warren J. Grossman Architect carries on work on all types of residential projects. They have designed completely new homes that cost up to $500,000 and they work on 1-room additions costing $15,000.

"A great deal of our work focuses on upgrading existing homes — new kitchens, family room additions and bathroom renovations." Grossman says that some of the homes they have renovated are more than 75 years old. "We match existing finishes and detailing, and retain the character of the house."

Many people in newer 20-year-old bungalows are adding a second floor or an additional ground-level area to accommodate their changing requirements.

Grossman stresses that anytime you consider carrying out work on your "most personal space — your home," it is crucial that the client and the architect develop an open honest working relationship.

"The architectural profession is changing," says Grossman. "Many architects are becoming more innovative in their approach and relationships. Often they get directly involved in facilitating development projects."

And he adds that the same personal attitude given to individual home owners is applied to his firm's subdivision projects.

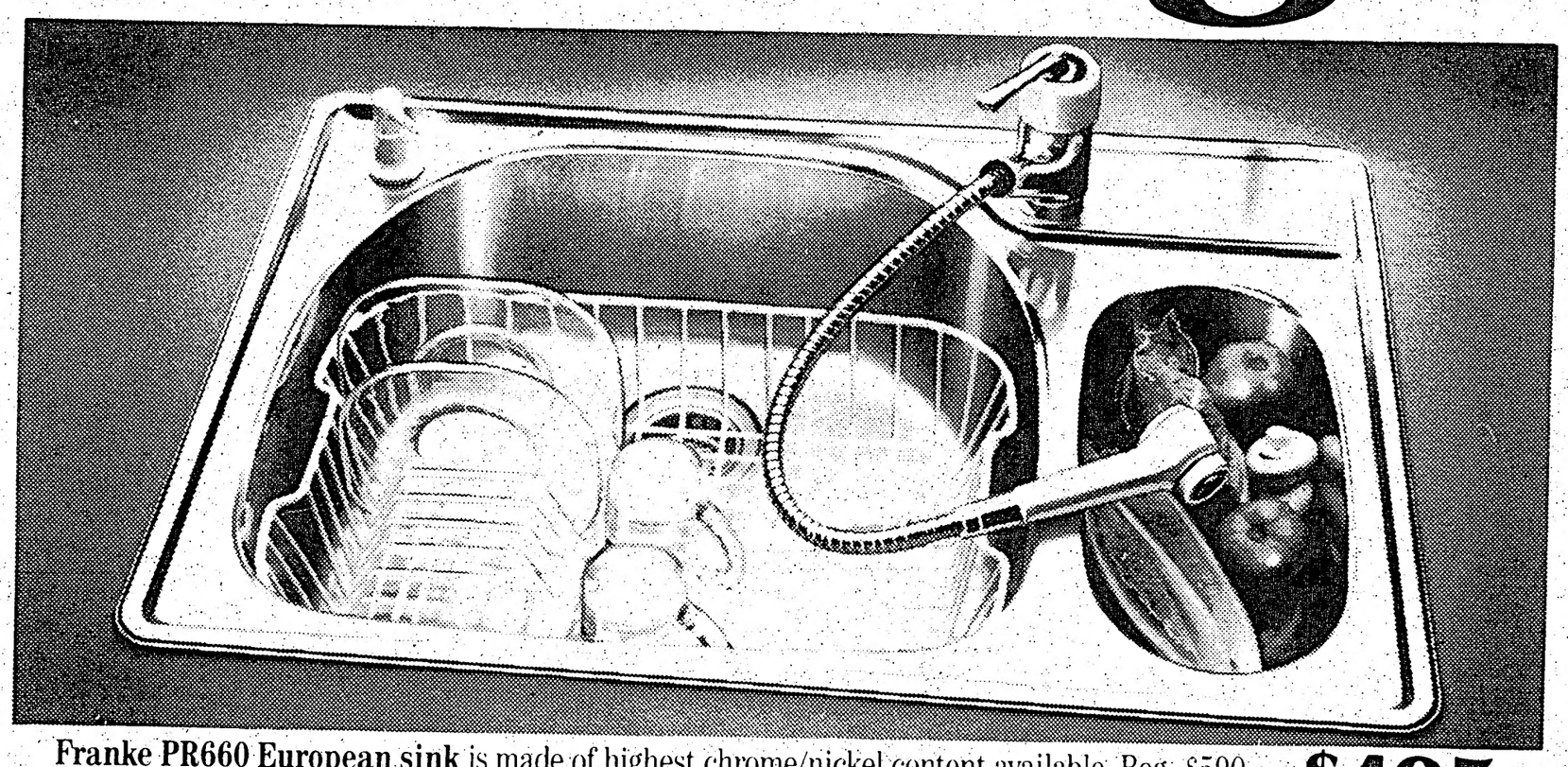
Grossman attended the United Synagogue Day School, graduated from the University of Toronto School of Architecture and spent seven months studying at a yeshiva in Jerusalem.

He worked for Nightingale Quigley and then for Young & Wright Architects and was involved in, large scale apartment designs in Bramalea, a senior citizens' residence in Etobicoke, commercial and retail plazas, and numerous residential projects, before establishing his own architectural firm.

The quiet and personable young architect is married to an urban planner and they have a daughter who is almost a year old. And the Grossman's are busy renovating their own home.

Architect Warren Grossman examines the plans on a construction visit to a home being renovated to his architectural specifications.

Creative sinking.



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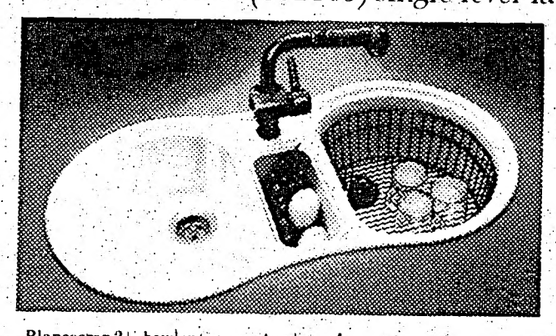

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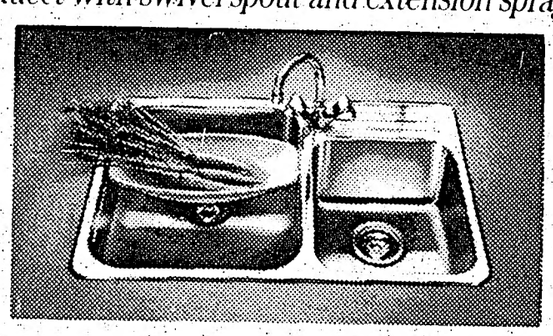

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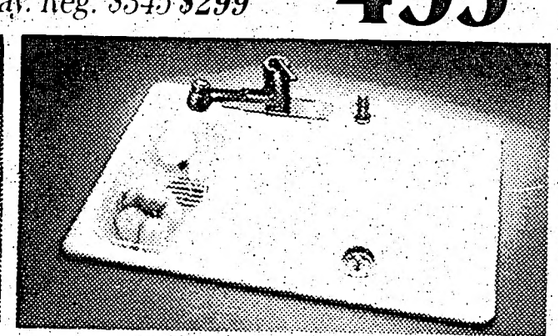

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Home Decor

"People making a color statement"

Bold colors are replacing pastels in decorating plans

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

BB Bargoons is set among a cluster of antique and collectibles shops on Queen St. E., between Jarvis and Sherbourne, but there is nothing antique about the merchandise here.

The upholstery and drapery fabrics, wallpaper and accessories such as lamps, vases, pillows, silk and polyester flowers, reflect what is current.

And today's homemakers, those who go to business and those who don't, are gearing up for change.

Going, going, almost gone, are the neutrals, says BB Bargoon's personnel supervisor, Linda Pacht. "Pastels are moving out, and strong, bold colors are moving back," she affirms. "There's more flamboyance. We're getting away from what is soft, simple, safe."

The trend is back to home entertaining, she observes. "People have been enjoying the restaurant scene, but now they are looking again at their homes — the kitchens, the interiors.

"We're getting away from chintzes and the country feeling. There is a sleeker look, and very wild prints are in.

"People are making a color statement without spending a lot. They will buy inexpensive grasscloth for their walls and then lacquer it in a bold color."

Black is being used, in upholstery, wallpaper, accessories. It adds flair, says Pacht, to accessories with one or two black accents.

BB Bargoons is the brainchild of former Calgarian Bonnie Bickel, and the intriguing name comes from Bonnie's initials plus the policy of selling below regular price, 30% to 70% off for fabrics and paper, insists Pacht, and there is also a saving on accessories.

Four years ago, Bickel, a wife and mother of two, living in the Beaches section of Toronto, was in the throes of decorating her own home.

She was confused by quantity, and felt that she wasn't receiving much assistance in making choices.

Having a background in the fashion industry — she was one of the first producers of the wide, florid ties which were so popular a few years ago, and she co-founded Fashion Party — she resolved to open her own place, where people could get lots of help.

There would be a good range of designer drapery and upholstery fabrics, as well as wallpapers, all under one roof and displayed according to color, making it easy to see exactly what is in stock and coordinate everything.

Vases holding flower arrangements, pillows, lamps, would be placed in conjunction with the materials and paper, providing a total picture.

So popular is the concept that Bickel has opened six more stores, in Ottawa, London, Mississauga, Markham, Avenue Road North, and Yonge St. near Blythwood Rd. She does all the buying and maintains control. There are no franchises.

BB Bargoons has its own drapery and upholstery workroom and also provides a special home decorating service. The design department, located in the Markham store, offers a 3-room consultation for $75.

A decorator will spend time checking the home and discussing the needs from carpets to drapes, "pulling it all together," says Pacht. Then a folder is provided containing a complete plan.

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Old, ill-fitting windows can mean an energy loss

Those with a view toward saving money on fuel bills this winter should take a look at their windows. Even in temperate climates, old and ill-fitting windows can account for as much as a third or more of a home's energy loss.

There are several ways to determine whether your home is a candidate for new windows. The Vinyl Window and Door Institute, an industry-wide, non-profit association, offers the following tips:

— Check for air leakage between the wall and the window and in the window itself by moving a lit candle around the window's perimeter, across the header and sil, and along the meeting rails. If it flickers, you've got air infiltration.

— Another method for checking for air infiltration is to observe whether excess soot has accumulated on the outside portion of the meeting rails. This is usually a sign that outside air has penetrated.

— Look at all the operating parts of the window to ensure they are working properly.

Open and close the sash, check for damage to the frame and glass, and all the locks, ropes and pulleys.

Warped or rotted wood windows and rusted or corroded aluminum windows are an expensive and unsightly nuisance.

Sash that stick or open easily are also signs of trouble.

— Examine the glass itself. It it's a single pane, it will not be an effective guard against high heating and cooling bills.

Also check to see that the putty is intact and not dried out, that there are no cracks in the glass and no distortions in your view when you look out.

To help prevent such problems in the future, more homeowners these days are opting for vinyl-framed windows with insulated glass.

The most popular type of window in Europe and the fastest growing window in the United States, vinyl windows have several advantages over traditional types.

They retain their long-lasting beauty without requiring painting or bothersome maintenance.

Their very low conductivity together with the hollow core construction of the rigid vinyl frames creates an excellent thermal barrier.

Vinyl window frames also stand up to harsh weathering conditions, salt-laden air, condensation, insects and other elements.

Because of the mounting popularity of vinyl windows, the Vinyl Window and Door Institute has published an informative, 12-page brochure to provide general information and to answer homeowners' inquiries.

The full-color, illustrated brochure, titled A Profile of Vinyl Windows and Doors, is available by sending 50 cents to: Vinyl Window and Door Institute, 355 Lexington Ave., 6th floor, New York NY, 10017.

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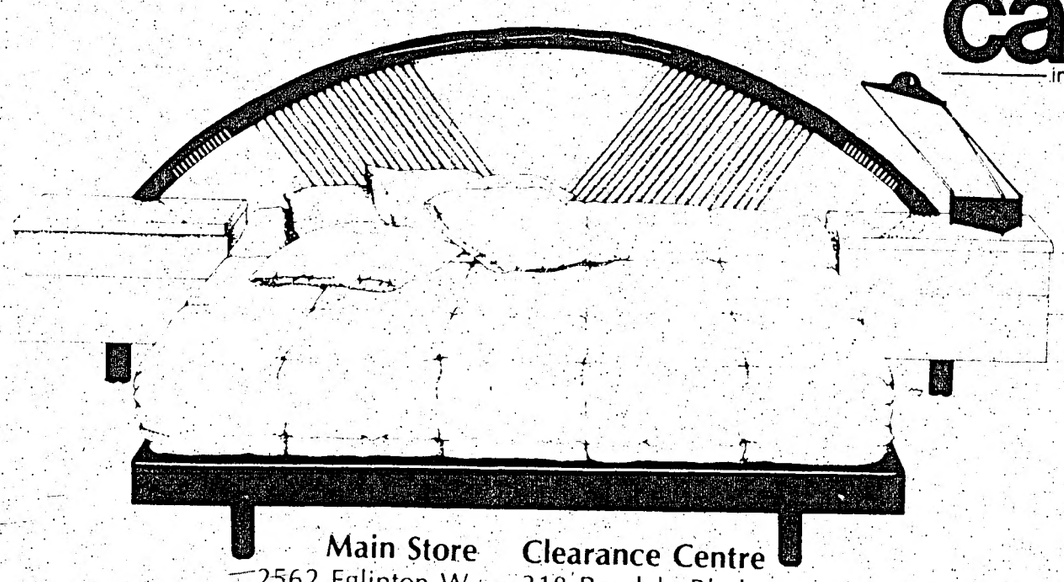

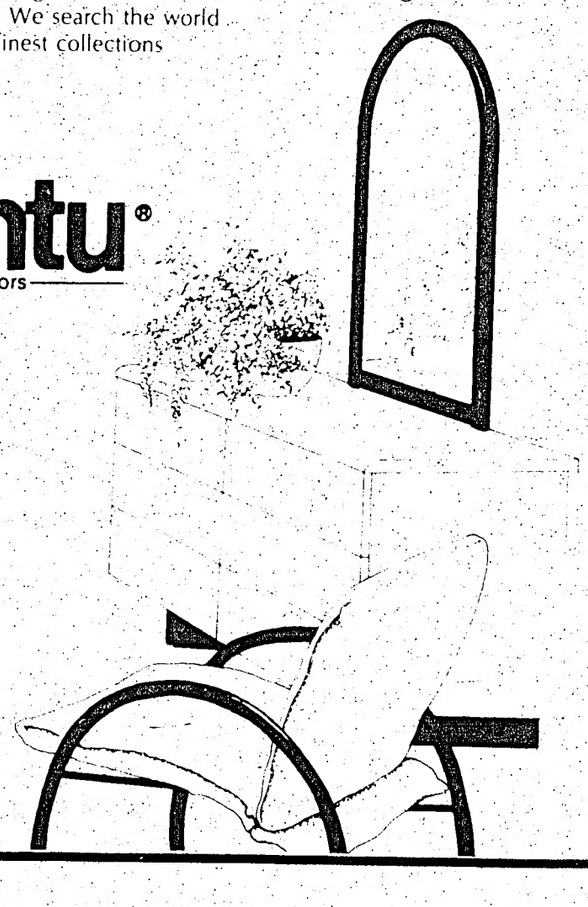

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Home Decor

Track lights popular

Lighting now a fashionable addition to home decor

During recent years lighting has taken on a different role. It is becoming not only functional for security and practical uses, but with the many trends and new looks available, it is becoming a highly fashionabale addition to your home decor.

Track and recessed lighting have become important additions to any home or office. While they are very functional, they also create an uncluttered and clean look. An exciting new addition to track lighting is the low voltage fixture, which is not only effective but very cost efficient.

Some new trends towards decorative lighting include Murano glass fixtures imported from Italy and bevelled glass and brass lanterns which are available in many sizes and styles from such manufacturers as Maxim, Atlas, and Frederick Raymond.

There has been a large resurgance of crystal chandeliers recently, the most popular being Strass crystal from Czeschoslovakia. A wide range of sizes and styles are available from such leading manufacturers as Schonbek & Lamplighter.

Table, floor, or wall lamps are a very important accessory to the decor of any room. Living Lighting offers a wide selection of brass lamps in a wide range of styles and sizes from a number of Canadian manufacturers as well as such popular U.S. manufacturers as Stiffel and Westwood.

Ceramic and porcelain lamps are also playing a significant role in the color scheme of your home or office. A large selection of decorator colors such as gray, soft pinks, white and black are among the wide variety to be found, including the Murray Feiss Signature Collection.

Living Lighting has been in business for 18 years and currently there are 43 stores across Canada, 14 of which are in the Toronto area.

The company is owned and operated by Sid and Michael Gladstone.

Living Lighting has a wide range of ceiling and wall fixtures, lamps, ceiling fans, and accessories. The lamp shade selection is one of the largest in town and they offer custom shade services where you can use your own fabric if you wish.

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Because lighting has become such an important addition to the function and decor of any home or office, it has become necessary to seek advice and consultation to ensure you make the right choice.

Living Lighting's Sharon Frutchman expert in lighting layout and design, has 25 years experience in the lighting industry.

She has been directly involved with architects, contractors, interior decorators and designers on such projects as Heritage Estates in Richmond Hill, The Richmond Hill Country Club, and many residential and commercial projects in Toronto, Ottawa, Oakville, Burlington, and Windsor.

Fruchtman can help answer your questions of where, when, why, and how your lighting will affect your home or office whether in the planning stage, building stage, or renovation.

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Carpets have major effect on home living

According to many professional decorators, a home's interior should be designed for continuity.

As the "fifth wall" of a room, the floor should connect all design elements of the room.

Floor covering can have a major effect on the environment of your home.

The texture, patterns and colors of carpeting can add to the feeling of harmony and completeness of a home.

Further, co-ordinating the carpet color schemes of adjoining rooms will carry the feeling of unity throughout the home.

While your personal taste should play the major role in your selection of carpet, a number of other factors should be considered.

One thing to consider when choosing carpet color is room size.

A sense of spaciousness can be created in a small room by using light carpet colors, such as white, oyster, beige or muted blues and grays.

Further, wall-to-wall carpet also tends to expand the space of a room.

Painting the walls the same light color as the carpet and selecting or covering furnishings in fabrics of the same hue also make a room look larger.

Vary the textures of the carpet, wall covering and upholstery to keep the room from looking bland.

Large rooms, on the other hand, can be made cozier by using rich, deep-colored carpet in a sculptured texture.

Furniture can be covered in contrasting colors or patterns that complement the scale of the room.

Color can also add personality to a room and change the feeling of the space.

A room without natural light can be warmed by bright yellows, oranges and reds.

Cool colors, such as blues and greens, can create a calm feeling in too-bright rooms.

Lively, vibrant colors are good for kitchens or playrooms, whereas pastels will add to the dignity of rooms used for more formal activity.

The amount of traffic an area receives should also influence your choice of carpet color.

Stairways, hallways and entrance areas, which have a larger volume of people passing through, should be carpeted in darker colors that will hide soil tracked in from outside.

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Home Decor

Simmons offers modular line of children's furniture

By
LORI SMITH

Modular units, canopied cribs and captain's beds are some of the more popular styles of bedroom furniture for infants and young children.

According to Edna Long, showroom co-ordinator and marketing representative for Simmons Ltd., in the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., the modular line is one of the most popular styles in their extensive juvenile collection.

"You can put the pieces together. You start with a crib that has a chest of drawers attached and then you remove the drawers and the bars and you have a bed for a young child. It's a line a child can grow with."

She explains that canopies on cribs are also very "in" but now they're bought for boys and girls. She illustrates by pointing to a canopy patterned with pink and blue teddy bears that can be used for either a girl or boy.

She adds that captain's beds with drawers underneath are still very popular because they help to keep the room looking tidy.

Long says that another valuable piece is a changing tray for a baby that screws on to the top of a chest of drawers.

"People can buy the inexpensive tray rather than being stuck with a big piece of furniture."

She explains that having a drawer under the crib is also a new concept, and a space saver.

Long says that most of the lines in the collection are made of ash or maple.

"There is some dark pine, but it's not used too much because it's so soft. A baby can leave a permanent record of teething."

She explains that all of the finishes now are non-toxic. A change from the old days when a finish on a crib might have included toxic substances such as lead.

She adds that mattresses are locked in to place and in all other details the furniture meets stringent safety regulations.

Long says that most mothers know what to look for in children's furniture but young mothers tend to want to overfinish the room, particularly if it's the first child.

Like the other showrooms in the International Centre, Simmons' is not a retail outlet but the public is welcome to come and look at the line.

Simmons products are sold in major home furnishing stores across Canada.

Attractive crib has single dropside, teething rails and adjustable mattress support. Mattress sold separately. From Simmons Ashland Collection.

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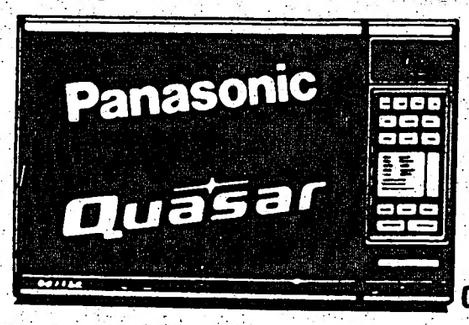

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Designer tries new looks

Clients' lifestyles, tastes are all that decorator needs

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Those interested in decorating a new home or redecortaing their present home but haven't a clue where to begin will profit by talking to Vickie Michaels.

Michaels, who began Vickie Michaels Designs almost a year ago, specializes in decorating and redecorating houses, condominiums and apartments.

"Many people get tired of their home but do nothing about it because they just don't know what to do," said Michaels.

She says that by "having a chat with people about their lifestyle and tastes" she can usually tell rather quickly how their home should be decorated.

Michaels says that she may merely give ideas to her clients and have them execute the plans themselves or she can choose everything from the furniture to all the accessories.

"Because I get to know my clients so well they are usually very happy with what I choose," Michaels said.

She added that she always works with a floorplan and confers with her clients often "so nothing is a surprise.

"It sometimes takes up to four months for people to choose sofa fabric from the swatches I show them."

Michaels notes that dark ebony stained floors and bleached wood furniture are quite trendy.

"We may take a natural oak table and rub it with white lime to give it a white or slightly darker gray finish."

She adds that pastel furniture and rugs in pinks and greens go well with that look.

Michaels says that parachute cloth that can be made to look like leather or silk is a popular material for couches.

"Designers use little tricks that can give furniture a certain appearance without getting into heavy costs."

Michaels says that although certain designs are trendy all her work is unique.

"I am always trying new looks. There are no limits to the looks I can achieve."

She says that accessories make the whole room and "really reflect a person's tastes."

"Some are plant lovers, others display sculptures, while some enjoy antique pieces such as urns and vases. These accessories make every home unique."

For more information call Michaels at 783-7178.

Vickie Michaels sits in a room she recently decorated. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Body Sensor gives comfort to sleepers

By
ESTHER FISHER

For those cold winter nights ahead, a new type of blanket promises to provide total sleeping comfort.

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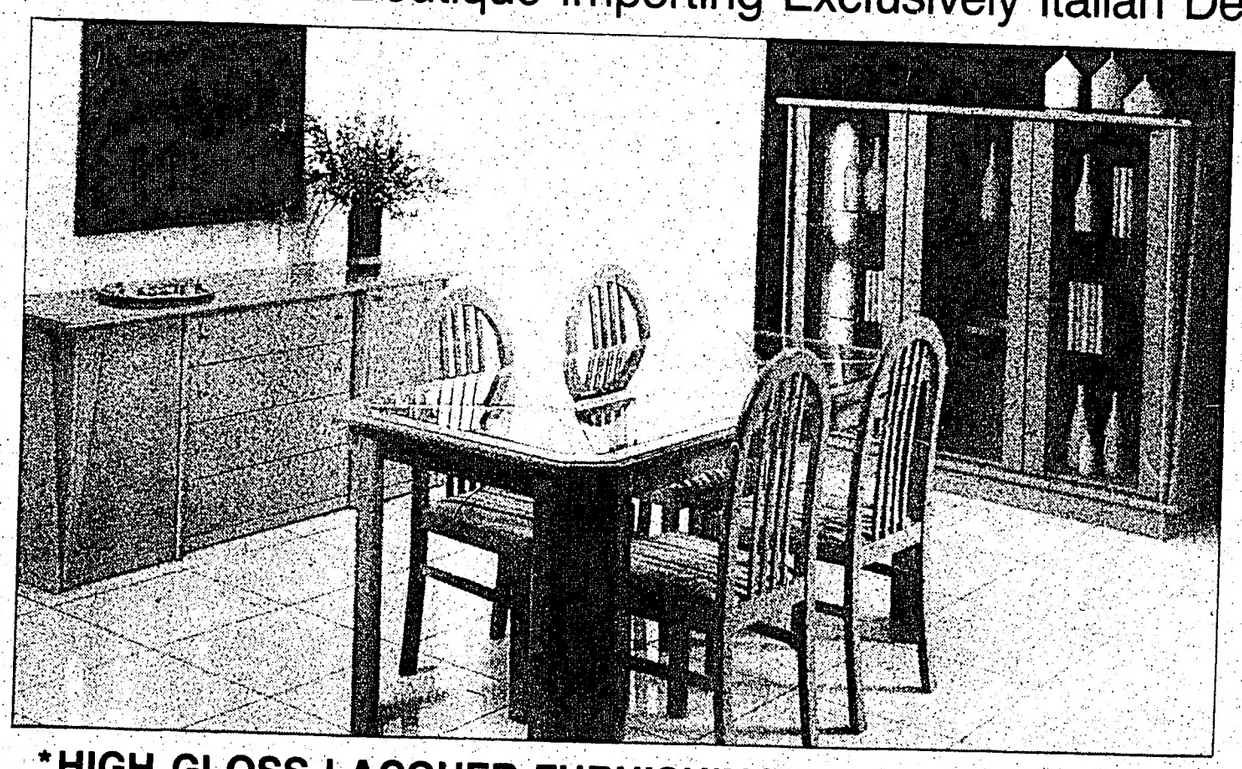

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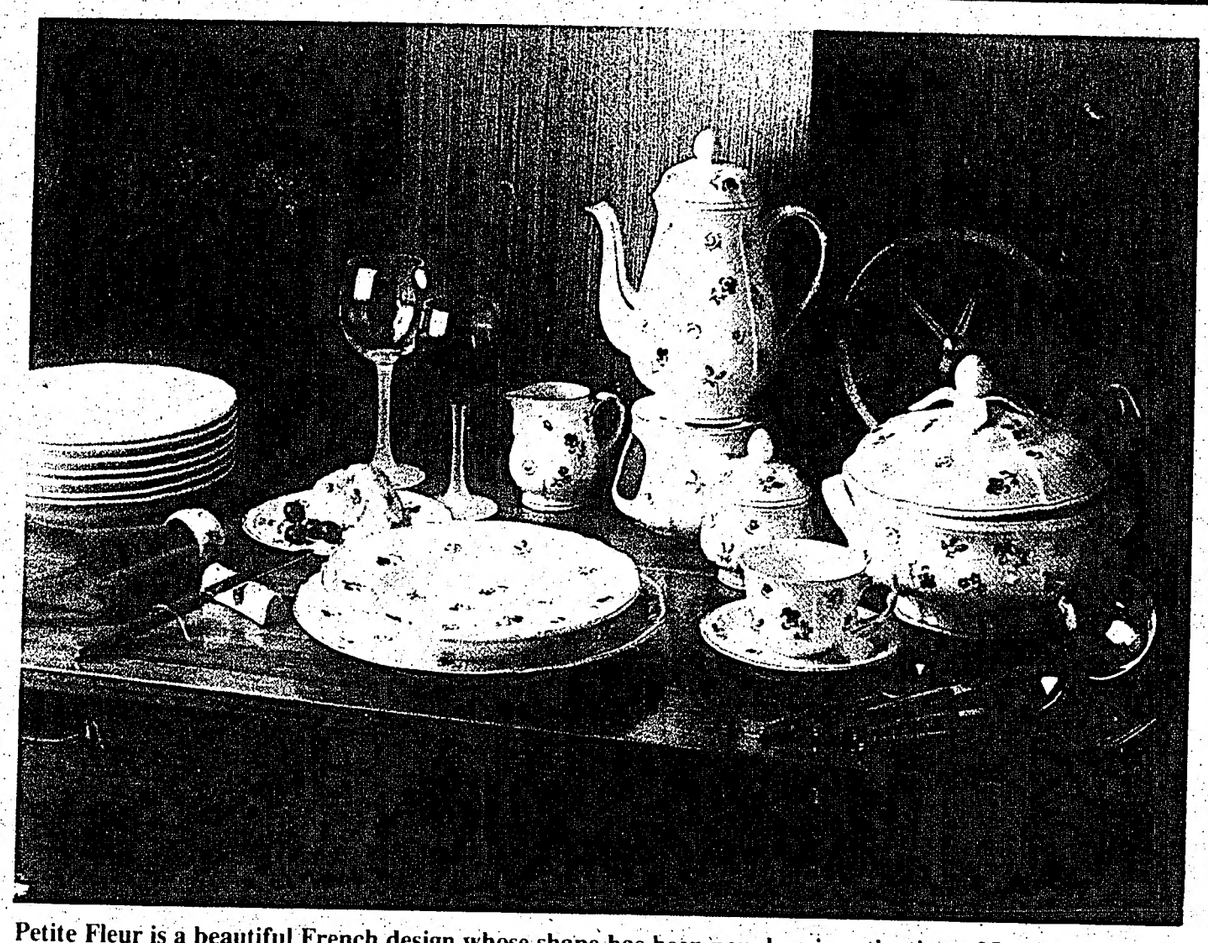

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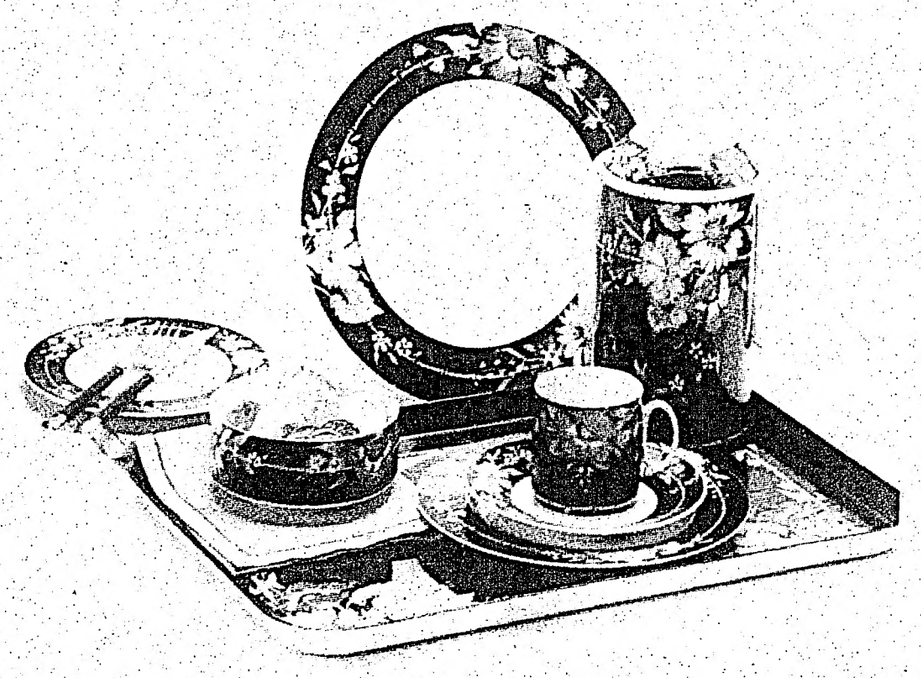

The Xenia, another elegant setting from Villeroy & Boch.

Villeroy & Boch offer daring, innovative patterns

By LORI SMITH

Canadians are the second largest consumers of dinnerware per capita per year in the world, says Bob Sproule, sales representative for Villeroy & Boch Tableware Ltd., in Don Mills.

He explains that the bridal market comprises a major part of that statistic.

"People buy what they like. There's less pressure to follow the family pattern. And a lot of the newlyweds now are the yuppie crowd."

Villeroy & Boch have been leaders in the world of tablewear manufacture and design since the company was founded in 1748.

And today, working out of the same factories in Luxembourg and Mettlach, Germany, they are still instigators in the industry in terms of design.

"The company thrives on design. It doesn't have any in-house designers, instead, they use freelance designers."

Sproule says that the number one selling pattern in Canada is Design Naif, a series of designs based on what children see, which is by a French artist named La Plau. It has been number one in Canada for two years.

He explains that because so many of the patterns are daring and take a lot of initiative, they often have a love it or hate it reaction from their customers.

He says that Villeroy & Boch stock 80 patterns for their North American market.

"Sometimes we feel something will do particularly well in Europe or North America. In general, the Europeans go for heavier decorations, and bone china is univesally liked."

Sproule explains that in addition to their tableware factories they design and manufacture crystal.

"We do crystal that coordinates with our china. Its a very good selling point in the bridal market."

He says that they are also importers of Wilkins silverwear, an extremely prestigious firm that puts four to six times more silverplate on their cutlery then other companies.

"And if you use your silver all the time you don't have to clean it every six months. Wilkins flatware have 32 to 40 migrons coating them. If you used the silver every day you would only lose one migron a year."

Sproule points out that Villeroy & Boch tableware and crystal and Wilkins silverwear are quality products that are made to be used.

Bright colors for chairs

Bright colored chairs of any style are the trend today, says Phyllis Johnson, showroom co-ordinator for Vogel Just Chairs, Suite 204, 6900 Airport Rd.

She says that people naturally buy chairs according to their taste and the decor of the room they are buying them for, but the colors are invariably bright not drab.

Johnson explains that Vogel carries all styles of chairs from Queen Anne to Chippendale to recliners to boardroom chairs to diningroom and livingroom chairs.

One of the most interesting displays in the showroom is a sectional couch-like assembly of chairs in a dark rose color.

"It's made up of three corner chairs, three armless chairs and an ottoman."

Johnson says that in terms of fabric rayon is "in" and any cotton blend is a good choice. In velvet, 100% cotton backed by 100% acrylic is the best combination.

She points out that most of the chairs they offer can be covered in any of the fabrics they have available.

And although it is not a retail outlet Johnson says that it is a good place to come and look at chairs before buying one.

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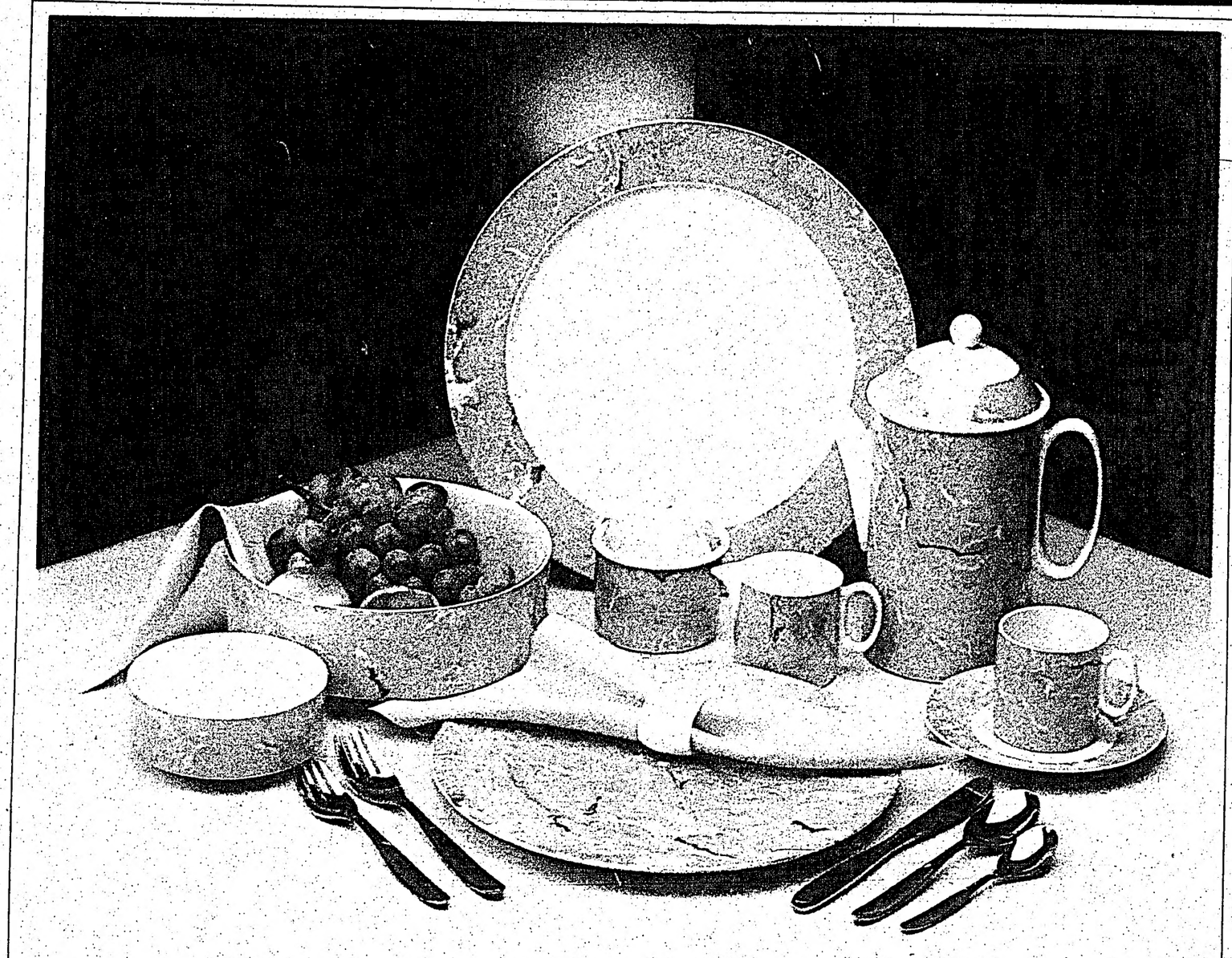

Villeroy & Boch's Siena, a new, innovative salmon-colored marble effect.

The British look is warm, homey

The British are known for their stiff upper lip.

But not at home. Behind closed doors, the English tend to warm and homey touches. Designers call it the "British Look."

The elements of British style translate easily in every region, even in the subtropics.

A comfortable armchair, slipcovers, small prints, antiques and wicker furniture are all British touches that look good anywhere.

Here are some of the trends decidedly British:

— Slipcovers. On sofas, on chairs, on pillows. "Chintzes and paisleys look great in this climate, too," said Melissa Luetgert of Designers Age in Naples, Fla.

— Rugs. Crewel designs, florals and needlepoint rugs are used as accent pieces, anything to break up that wall-to-wall look.

— Antiques. Lighter finishes and pickled finishes are especially popular now. Younger buyers find some antiques are less expensive than new furniture.

— Tables. Use lots of them — usually small, great for holding books, family photos, bric-a-brac. Definitely adds that lived-in look.

— Wood. The real thing, not plasticized look-a-likes.

Slipcovers are an English invention — used to camouflage mismatched furniture handed down for generations.

Luetgert says slipcovers are showing up a lot.

"When we do slipcovers we add a bow or a button, so that it appears as a slipcover and not upholstery. If there is a busy rug we might use ticking for slipcovers. And there are some wonderful new crewel patterns with leafy designs or white on white."

Virginia Wesley Courtenay, president of the South Florida Chapter of the American Society of Interior Design (ASID), says "there's a definite trend (toward) patterns.

"What I like about English chintzes is they don't show dirt. They are so much more successful than plain, contemporary fabrics."

Courtenay says she also likes the look of rugs instead of carpeting in warmer climates.

"A good English influence can be found in the floral designs, the crewel work and needlepoint turning up in rugs."

Henry Trellis, who imports English antiques for his Miami Design District showroom, says the English know how to "play with fabrics."

"In England they'll use the fabric on a sofa, another on the occasional chairs and a third fabric on the pillows. They also use a lot of family pictures and collectibles in their rooms.

"And they hand antiques down from family member to family members. When you sit in one of these English rooms your eye travels across the things. There's a lot to see."

In the book *English Style* by Suzanne Slesin and Stafford Cliff, Terence Conran, founder of the Habitat stores, describes English style in the foreword.

"... for at least the last two centuries, the insides of English country houses and cottages have hardly changed.

"Simple, comfortable furniture — oak and painted pine, pretty sprigged and rosy fabrics, patterned rugs and carpets, wood smoke, a gleam of silver or brass, all help camouflage and deflect the mud and the pets."

While North Americans tend to redecorate periodically, the British tend to do up a room once and then leave it alone.

Buyers want variety

Posters, prints gaining in popularity

By LORI SMITH

People are buying more wall pictures and paintings today then they ever have and color is what they are looking for.

Percy Saxe, executive vice-president of Oxford Picture Frame Company, Suite 105, 6900 Airport Rd., says that there has been a tremendous increase in the number of people buying pictures and that those people want to have a wide variety of posters and prints to choose from.

"It's a real change from the old days when people had the same pictures on their walls for years. Today we change a quarter of our stock twice a year, and what people are buying are pictures with color regardless of subject."

However Saxe says that stylized designs are "in" and that pictures of big, stylized flowers are the most popular.

He says that the company sells prints and limited editions pictures to retailers and decorators from across Canada and from as far away as the Barbados and Hong Kong.

The company has been Saxe's family's business for over 100 years, and a collection of old, ornate molds used to make frames 75 to 100 years ago hanging behind Saxe's desk testify to the changes in the industry.

He explains that today most frames are made of plastic or metal.

"The lacquered, wet look in frames is popular and metal is very, very big."

He says that some of the old frame molds behind his desk were hand carved and that there are very few people who can do that kind of work today.

According to Saxe, while genuine limited editions are a good investment, the vast majority of people, particularly young people, are buying framed posters with or without writing on them.

And he explains that they are buying them simply because they like them.

"Price doesn't seem to mean anything anymore. If they like it, they get it."

Swedish system for space saving now in Canada

A space-saving storage system has arrived in Canada from Sweden.

Marbol Shelving Systems Inc., 1685 Avenue Rd., opened three weeks ago. It is the first Canadian outlet for a collection of wardrobes and cabinets composed of modular compartments made by Marbol, an established Swedish company.

According to Kris Wallgren, owner of the Marbol shop in Toronto, the system is perfect for anyone who is short of storage space.

"If your apartment is small you can put one of these units in the exact space you have available."

The system is often used in home renovations and bathroom renovations. And in old houses where the third or fourth bedroom often does not have a closet.

Wallgren says that the tall wall units, cabinets, wire and plain shelves and other pieces all come separately and are simply joined by screws.

He explains that the wardrobe doors come in seven colors and designs with a choice of eight different handles and nine knobs.

The collection of tall pieces includes a broom unit that has a locking cabinet in which to store household cleaners out of the reach of children.

He adds that the cabinets for the bathroom come in four finishes and have co-ordinating shelves and cupboards. Matching sinks are also available.

Wallgren says that every item is kept in touch so that a customer can take his or her purchase home right away.

In addition, store manager Kevin Owen gives customers free design consultation to help them determine their needs. And there is a post-installation follow up.

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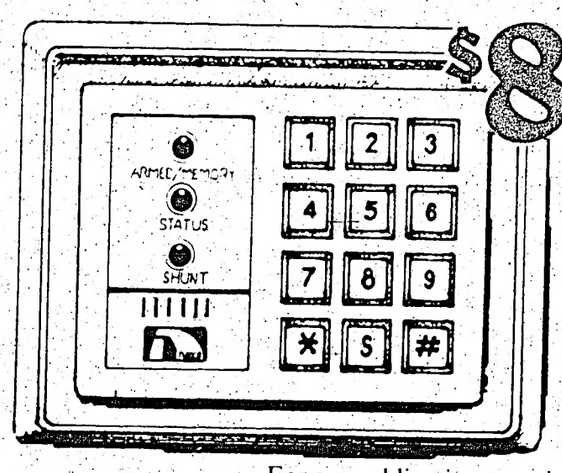

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Contemporary, traditional couches tops in popularity with today's buyers

By
LORI SMITH

Contemporary and transitional couches are the most popular styles in chesterfields today.

According to Carmela Perri, International Centre showroom representative for Concordian Chesterfield Co. Ltd., a transitional sofa is in between traditional and modern styling and will lend itself to whatever fabric a person puts on it.

As an example, she points to a suite covered in a taupe and peach oriental print fabric.

"With that material the couch looks very contemporary. But with the proper fabric it can be very traditional."

She says that in terms of styling, transitional chesterfields often have camel backs and do not have a skirt at their base. Contemporary sofas have big, rolled arms and low backs.

Other popular styles, says Perri, include camel-back couches with loose back cushions and lawson style (arms are lower then the back) sofas with loose back cushions.

With regard to color she explains that soft tones are "in."

"The biggest color this year is peach. Gray and taupe are still strong and pastel colors that lend themselves to rose are popular."

She says that whatever fabric is used on the chesterfield it should be a blend that is easy to clean and durable.

Polyesters, rayons, acrylics, nylons and/or acetate blended with cotton, which gives the material a soft feel, are good fabrics.

Perri explains that the leather they use on their suites is also leather from Sweden and unlike many other leathers it is dyed right through so it will not show white if it is scratched.

Concordian is a semi-custom house. "The frames are already made so we can't change its shape. But we can do detail changes such as changing the style and tensity of the cushions, giving a couch parson's legs and of course, using different fabrics."

She adds that customers can also bring in their own material and have it put on a sofa made by Concordian.

Cushions, she explains, are offered in four different densities: two and a quarter pound foam, man-made union down, a rubber product named Neilcor that gives firm support and a spring cushion called Bunkaroo that is extra-firm and is particularly good for people with back problems.

Perri says the company, which is based in Ontario and has been operating for 13 years, is unusual in that it offers a bench-made product — that is one craftsman starts and finishes each sofa.

Like the other showrooms in the International Centre, Concordian is not a retail outlet, but the public is invited to visit and ask questions.

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> "The biggest color this year is peach"

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The real thing makes comeback

A feeling for the past and a need to come home to real wood furniture are two of the reasons given for the resurgence of traditional furniture in the last decade.

According to Shirley Hobson, showroom co-ordinator for Strathroy Furniture, Suite 201, 6900 Airport Rd., traditional furniture is popular for those reasons.

"The people who are interested in traditional furniture like the warm feeling it gives them. A lot of people work in very high-tech environments today and they like to come home to it. It's nostalgic."

Strathroy has a solid reputation as a manufacturer of traditional, top quality furniture in mahogany, oak and cherry.

Hobson says that this season they have caused excitement in the industry by reproducing an 18th century Queen Anne furniture collection in mahogany and cherry.

"The excitement is because of the shell design on cabriole legs which is repeated in the design on the hardware, and the unique webbed, stocking draped feet on each place."

She explains that the collection has a great number of pieces including a ladies' writing desk and 20 tables. The most unusual one is a tea table.

"It's higher then a traditional coffee table and has pull out trays at each end."

Hobson says that all three woods offered by the company are very popular and there are extensive collections in each.

Though the furniture has a traditional look to it, many pieces are for modern uses.

Hobson shows a wall unit system that comes in cherry and oak. It's most exciting feature is retractable doors which can be kept out of sight when the TV is in use, or closed so the equipment is out of sight.

The unit holds a television up to 26 inches wide which sits on a platform that swivels left or right.

Other interesting pieces include an oak rolltop desk and secretary, and a suite of cherry bedroom furniture designed for the Royal family's stay at the Algonquin Hotel on a recent trip to Canada.

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Jacuzzi offers full range

Whirlpool baths, spas perfect for easing tensions

By CYNTHIA GASNER

How often have you said, "Oh my tired aching bones?"

The people at Jacuzzi Canada Ltd. in Rexdale say that they can help you relax in a whirlpool bath or spa. "It makes you feel so good."

And today, regardless of the size of your home, there is a design created for you, says Shelagh Vansittart, spokesperson for Jacuzzi.

Jacuzzi, considered the innovator in design and manufacturing techniques, has a showroom of models that range from the individual whirlpool bath to the whirlpool spa for up to six adults.

The individual whirlpool bath has three Health Stream hydro-air jets in a tub deeper than a standard bathtub which allows full immersion. But it takes no more space than a 5-foot tub.

The large whirlpool spas come in many models with contoured and fully surrounding seats. They have six hydro-jets which provide the relaxing sensation of a shoulder-to-toe massage. The spas come in many shapes including round, square, hexagonal, square with round corners — just name it.

They are formed from a tough, high-gloss acrylic and you can install the whirlpool indoors or out. Many people recess a spa in the ground and build a deck around it.

Vansittart explains that the Jacuzzi design draws air into a unique centre nozzle air induction system, evenly and naturally, resulting in higher volumes and whisper quiet performance.

The original Jacuzzi design was created by the Jacuzzi family who immigrated to the U.S. from Italy. The seven brothers worked in the vineyards of California, which were constantly plagued with a lack of irrigation.

They designed and manufactured pumps to ease the problem and they went on to develop and produce airplane propellers for the U.S. government.

One of the brothers had a child with a withered limb. He required ongoing hospital therapy. Combining pump and propeller technology, one of the brothers invented the impeller jet pump which was, and continues to be, the basis of the whirlpool bath.

The whirlpool baths were first used commercially as medical baths in sports clubs and were popularized through sports movies.

Jacuzzi Canada Ltd., was founded by Virgil Jacuzzi, an offspring of one of the original seven Jacuzzi brothers.

Keeping up with modern decorating trends, Jacuzzi baths and spas come in a variety of soft, light and neutral colors. And Jacuzzi has custom designer colors which can be ordered as an optional extra to match those offered by American Standard, Crane and Kohler. The cost of the whirlpool baths begins around $1,000.

"Renovating a bathroom is never cheap," says Vansittart. "But a little homework can make the difference between a sound investment or money down the drain."

To help you with your bathroom design. Vansittart has some tips.

— When shopping for bathware, buy products that are manufactured in North America because it is easier to find replacement parts.

— Bathrooms can be particularly dangerous. You're safer buying quality products that are CSA approved.

— Don't be taken in by fads. Select products that are neutral in color.

— Make sure you can afford what you buy. If you are installing a whirlpool bath find out, in advance, if your hot water tank is large enough to supply the hot water required to fill the whirlpool bath.

— Consider a separate shower stall. It's more practical — and not slippery.

— Look for fairly simple lines when choosing faucets. Detail may be attractive, but hard to clean.

— If your sink does not include a vanity, make sure there's enough space in the bathroom for cupboards.

— If you are using brass faucets on the sink, have brass jets in the whirlpool bath as well.

— Stay away from harsh, fluorescent lights. You need something that is warm and flattering.

— The bathroom is a place of leisure. Make sure your new bathroom fits your lifestyle, then enjoy.

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Firmness, support key to mattress

By LORI SMITH

"What you sleep on is as important as what you wear and eat so you have to get your money's worth," says Brad Warner, president of Marshall Mattress Co. Ltd., Suite 228, 6900 Airport Rd.

According to Warner, a mattress and box spring should give a person good, even support that follows the contours of their body with the variables of height, weight, age and comfort preference taken into consideration.

"Firmness and support are the key. And you have to be brazen when you're buying a mattress. Lie down on it in the store and turn from side to side. Ask the product manager questions."

Marshall Mattress Company Limited, a Canadian firm, is the oldest spring-filled mattress company in the world. Warner's brother Marc, Marshall's vice-president, explains that James Marshall, an engineer/machinist from Toronto, invented the spring-filled mattress in 1900.

Marshall finds answer

"James Marshall's wife was complaining about back pain when she had to stay in bed while recovering from an illness. So necessity being the mother-of-invention, he invented the mattress and in September, 1900, he patented it."

Now, he says he and his brother are in the process of rebuilding the company into the premiere mattress manufacturer in Canada and North America.

The company offers a full line of mattresses in a complete range of firmnesses.

They also produce bed frames, roll-away and storage beds, mattresses for well-known sofa bed manufacturers such as Cooper-Brothers, international shaped beds such as a round bed and a box spring that is specifically designed to prolong the life of a mattress.

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Koos Kuijer, owner of Mirrorline Designs Ltd., in the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., says that mirrors and mirrored furniture and accessories are functional, flexible and decorative. They brighten, reflect, enlarge and highlight special areas in the home.

"People are moving from houses to smaller apartments and condominiums. And if you have a smaller apartment or hallway, mirrors and mirrored furniture will enlarge it. They reflect the area and they don't have a horizon or limit."

Like all the showrooms in the International Centre, Mirrorline is not a retail outlet. Instead, they sell to interior decorators, upper-end furniture stores and contract departments.

However, the public is given the opportunity to see the company's complete line, learn about it from the people who create it and make arrangements to purchase any item they like.

Kuijer explains that Mirrolin produces parson's benches, desks, tables, consoles, pedestals, room dividers, mirrors, coffee tables and hanging consoles as well as accessories such as vases, coasters, clocks, pyramids and place mats.

All are available in clear, bronze, peach or gray mirrored glass and every item is custom made.

"Because people have a particular area in mind that they want something for, they often come up with their own designs. The decorator or whoever will come in with the idea and the sketches, and we'll take it from there."

He also explains that people can have pieces designed by Mirrorline made to their own specifications. For example a table can be made three inches wider or three inches shorter.

In terms of style, Kuijer says that most of their own designs have an art deco look to them.

"It's a style that's really coming back. It's a popular, contemporary look."

With regard to special effects, he says that tempered glass is very new. Shattered glass is sandwiched between glass and wood. The result is a pattern reminiscent of icy frost on a window.

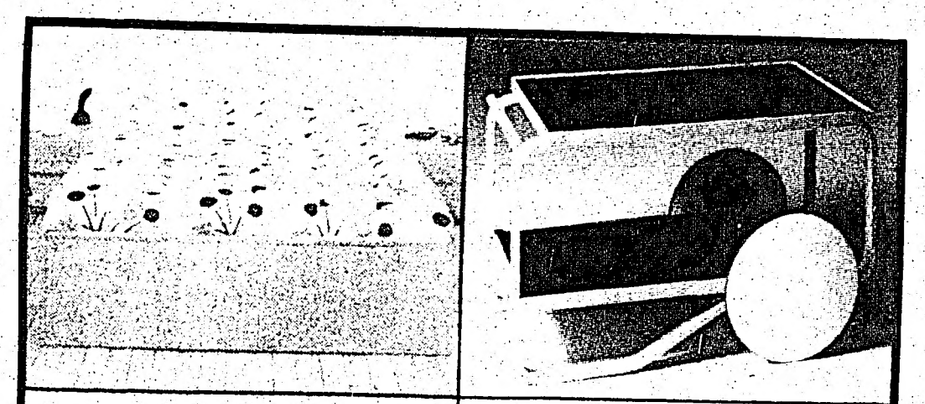
He adds that bronze color mirror is very popular.

"Bronze has a much softer look to it. It isn't as hard and cold as a clear mirror and dust and fingerprints can't be seen on it."

Finally, Kuijer explains that mirrors can be especially decorative when combined with plants and flowers.

"Mirrors can be very cold and plants and flowers give them a warm touch."

The Mirrorline showroom is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment.



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By SHARI SCHWARTZ

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Since it opened last February, Amazing Space has serviced the needs of builders, interior decorators and home owners who want to create additional space which is unique and attractive.

The store can accomodate whatever the customer is looking for when it comes to creating or saving space — mirror doors (sliding and bifold), mirror walls, custom designed closets, closet organizers, a unique line of hangers, a wire basket system in decorator colors and custom audio and video furniture.

Owner Joe Sereda spent three months looking at other space saving stores in Canada and the United States after realizing the need to create space effectively wasn't being fulfilled here.

According to Sereda, what he came up with were products which are better quality, have more design advantages and when installed, look better than anything else seen in North America and Europe.

"You can talk to people in Forest Hill who have the biggest homes and they still complain of lack of space. We will sell whatever it takes to make their space amazing," says Sereda.

Sereda has a staff of design consultants who will visit homes for free upon request of the owner. He stresses imagination and creativity on the part of the consultants which has paid off in customer satisfaction and repeat referrals.

Every closet design is unique and made specifically for the customer. Prices vary on a wide range, for example, closets can cost $80-$7,000.

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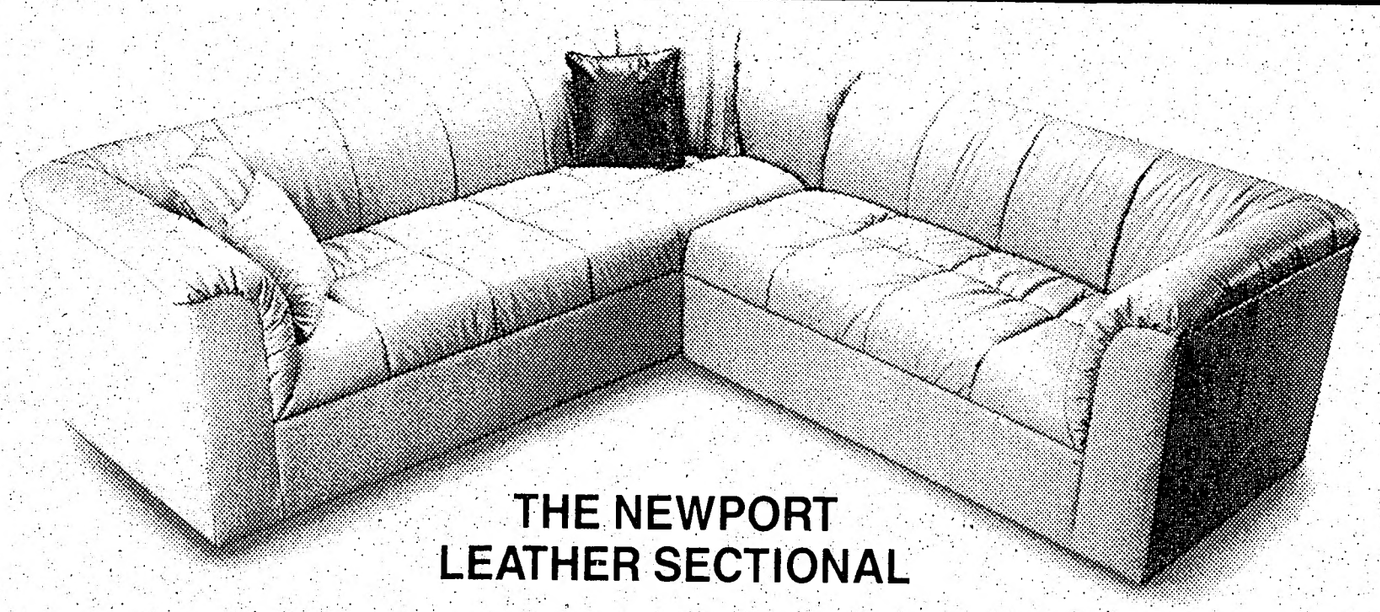

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By
LORI SMITH

Beauty, color, function and value combine to make Chinese Coromandel screens and other Chinese-made furnishings a wise purchase.

According to Vivian Kaplan, owner of Vivian Kaplan Oriental Interiors, 3500 Pharmacy Ave., No 7, the Coromandel screen is considered the creme de la creme of Chinese screens. They were originally produced for the European market in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Today, the Chinese have resurrected the art of making Coromandel screens and Kaplan is a major importer of the best screens from China and Hong Kong.

She says that one of the main reasons why the screens are popular in North America is that the colors in them are muted — not garish or too strong.

> "Colors are muted. They don't scream out at you."

"Our screens are a focal point in a room but they don't scream out at you. They aren't overly ornate or gilded."

She thinks another reason oriental furniture remains popular is that it has very clean lines and mixes well with traditional, art deco and contemporary furniture.

"It doesn't fight other furniture styles. It doesn't have to be on its own like Victorian furniture, with its curliques, would have to be."

Finally, she says, they remain in demand because people are trying to get back to hand-crafted pieces. Things that have a personal feel.

"I put a screen to an office not long ago and it was ultra modern — sterile and cold. They had to put something in it to soften it and make it more livable."

Kaplan explains that the pattern on the screens are authentic, symbolic designs from different dynasties.

"Every bird and flower means something. Cranes indicate longevity. Lotus flowers symbolize purity. Ducks in pairs symbolize matrimonial happiness."

She says that the screens are works of art that are constantly increasing in value and as a piece of furniture they can serve many functions.

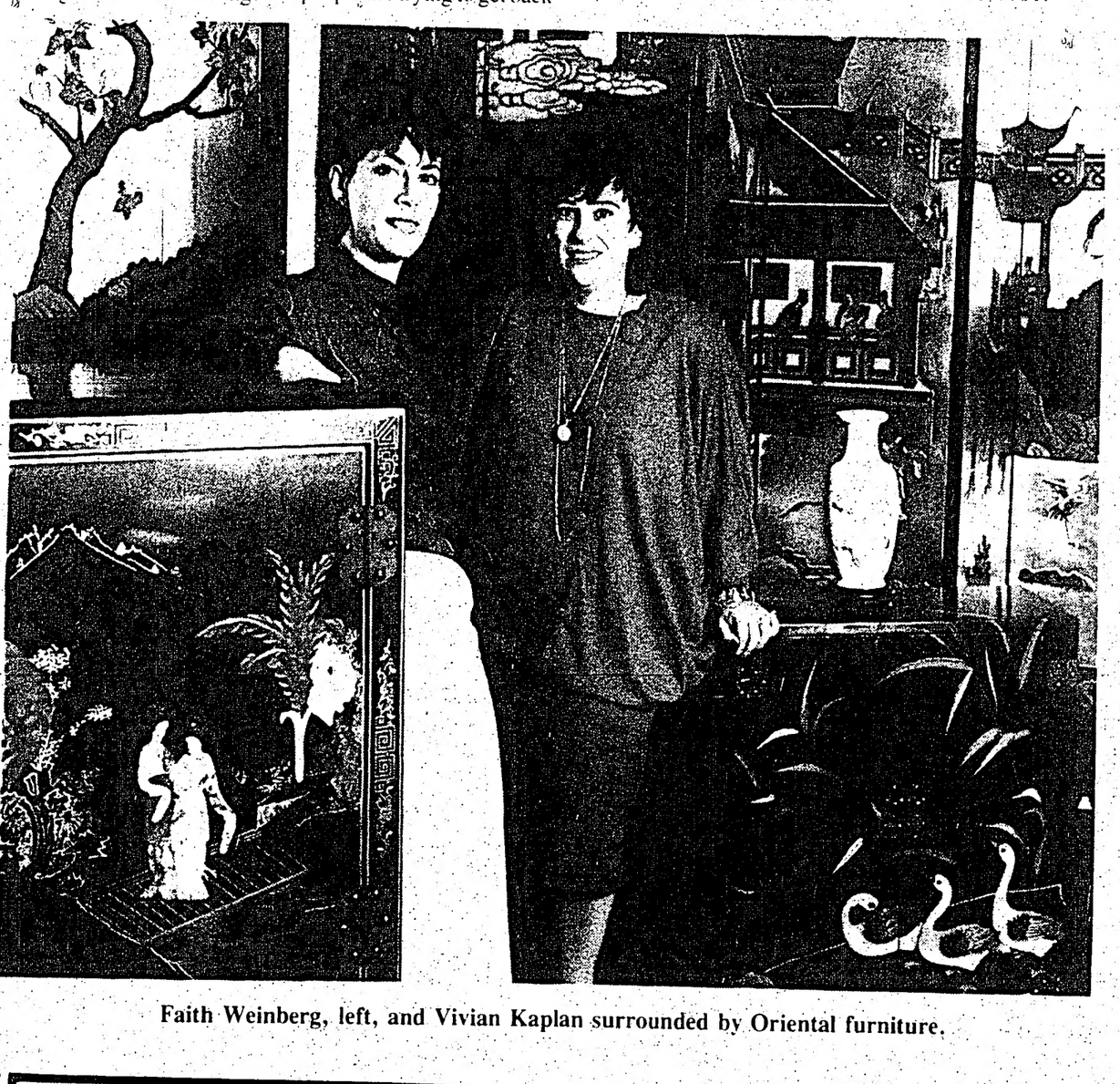
"It can be used as a divider or if more storage space is needed the screen can be dismantled and each panel used as a door on a cabinet. And there is a design on both sides of the screen which doubles its usefulness."

Kaplan explains that the screens range in size from 3 feet by 4 feet wall-mounted pieces to a 12 panel 8 foot high ivory lacquered screen.

And the background of the screens can be painted in 22 carat gold leaf and sterling silver, making them rare works of art.

In addition to the screens, Kaplan imports desks, coffee tables, pedestals, mirrors, vases, chests, TV cabinets, bars and more.

These items and the screens are available at dealers throughout the country. For more information call 495-7701.



Faith Weinberg, left, and Vivian Kaplan surrounded by Oriental furniture.

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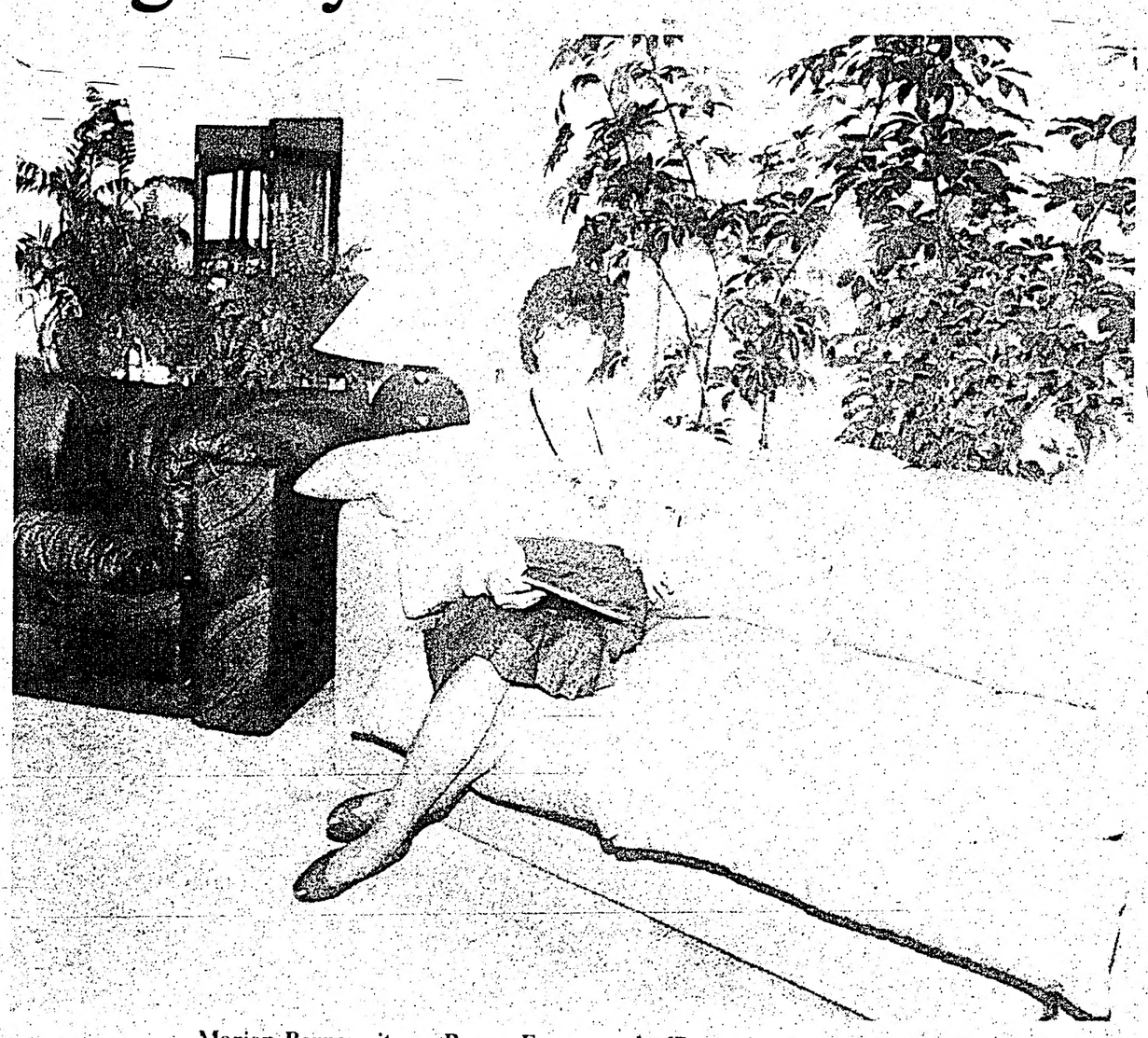

Marion Berney sits on Perma Foam couch. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

By
LORI SMITH

"If you try a foam mattress you'll find it so comfortable that you won't go back to a traditional mattress," says Marion Berney, International Centre showroom representative for Perma Foam Ltd., a Canadian maker of all foam mattresses and furniture.

Berney explains that the company creates high style mattresses, sofa beds and couches in different densities of foam which result in different comfort levels.

"There are many interesting configurations in the manufacture of foam. For example, one density of foam is in a configuration called comfort bars. They create a different feel when someone lies down then another configuration would."

She explains that the line is very contemporary. The beds rest one and a half feet off the floor and the fabrics are in fashion colors.

According to Berney, foam has a number of positive characteristics: it's quiet, non-allergenic, dustless, odor-free and mildew resistant; it's lightweight and yet it holds its shape for years; it has millions of self-ventilating cells that keep you cool in summer and warm in winter; it provides firm, even and natural support.

Berney adds that while there is no such thing as a bed color, they've had great success with mauve and rose pink, and that a dark color is often added for dramatic interest.

But she points out that the color depends on the room the mattress or couch is for, and for the furniture line fabrics can be chosen by the customer.

She explains that the couches are made entirely of foam except for the wood base.

"The arms are made of 100-pound density foam."

Berney says that North Americans have been conditioned to spring mattresses and that they have not yet accepted foam as the Europeans have done.

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An overall look of high style and high quality coupled with lower decorating costs is what Bev Redlick and Rosie Sandler of Orb Interiors, are offering their clients.

Redlick says that she and Sandler came up with the idea of discount decorating because they found that middle-class people want lovely surroundings but are mystified by the image of interior decorators and intimidated by the possible high cost.

She explains that they are able to pass discounts on to their clients because they have a small overhead, they comparison shop and when they can they go directly to the source to purchase items.

And they demystify the interior design business by working together with their clients to create a look, a style that the clients will love and they will be proud of.

"First of all, usually one of us goes to the client and has a meeting with them to find out where they want to decorate, their budget, what the room is going to be used for and their lifestyle. Then I'll draw up some floor plans and Rosie will do the colors and together we will do the furniture placement.

"Then I do a sketch to give to the client complete with fabric samples and an itemized list of coats."

She adds that just because the sketch is done it doesn't mean it's definite. In fact it's just a jumping off point.

Redlick says that in addition to decorating for yuppies, they do quite a few empty-nesters — people who are moving into an apartment or a condominium because their children have grown up and moved out.

"And we find that we get quite a number of people that are well off becaue they like to save money too."

California look is popular

She says that while there are always dominant trends in decorating the more important factors include the client's lifestyle and what the room is going to be used for.

But she concedes that the natural, relaxed California look is popular as are the eclectic and Euro-style looks.

"And yet we have clients who want a very traditional look. We have to be flexible. It is the client's home and it has to suit them."

Redlick explains that she and Sandler work primarily as a team, consulting each other and getting feedback.

"Our theory is two heads are better than one. I do the space planning and the sketches and Rosie is a whiz at colors."

Sandler says that in terms of colors she usually uses two or three colors plus an accent color. They are often two neutrals and two accent colors that combine to create a color story in the apartment or office or house.

But Redlick points out that again it depends on the clients and the area they wish to have decorated.

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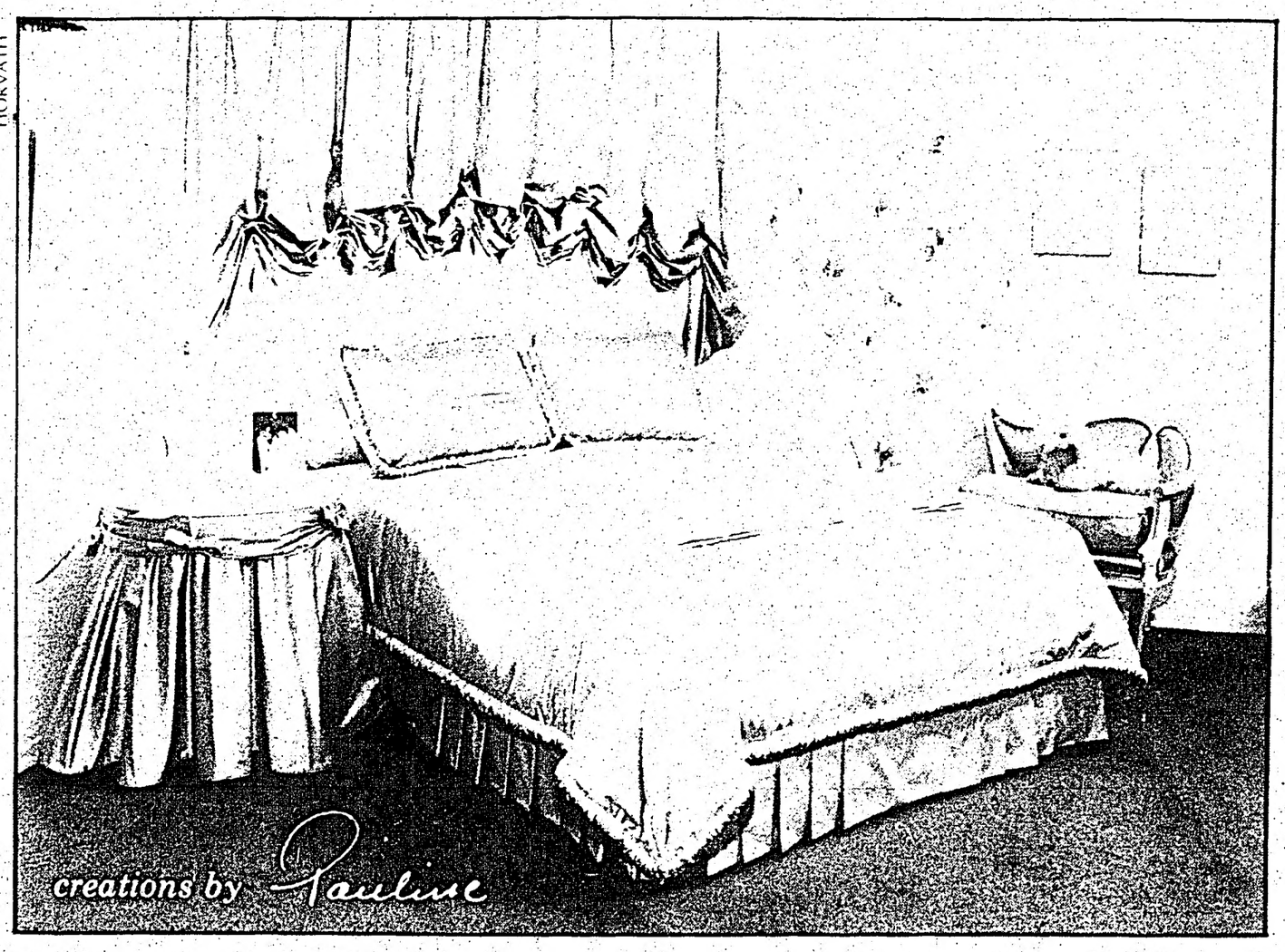

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Fashion flourishes in the bathroom

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Bathrooms are becoming as important a room to decorate as any other room in the home.

"With people installing whirlpool tubs, they are spending a lot of leisure time in their bathroom and want them to be well decorated," says Alan Bloch who owns Taps, a wholesale bath centre, with partners Mike Spina and Lillian Birenzweig.

Taps carries a complete line of bath and kitchen needs such as whirlpools, tubs, shower enclosures, toilets, bidets, sinks and faucets.

Bloch says that whirlpool tubs are "a superluxury item but do not cost superluxury prices. There are some available for less than $1,000."

He notes that most tubs come in high fashion designer colors to match the rest of the decor in the bathroom.

"Many people are turning to these high fashion colors such as raspberry, black, burgundy and navy for their sinks, tubs and toilets, but the most popular colors are still gray, white and bone."

Bloch says that faucets are being used to bring color into the bathroom. "Burgundy faucets on a gray sink look very elegant." He adds that the burgundy in the faucets can be picked up in the wallpaper and towels.

Bloch says that brass or chrome faucets and sinks are another sleek way to decorate the bathroom. "A white enamel faucet also goes well with a brass sink."

The easiest way to decorate a bathroom, Bloch says, is to keep the "basic items basic colors and brighten them up with accessories. Color schemes can always be changed that way."

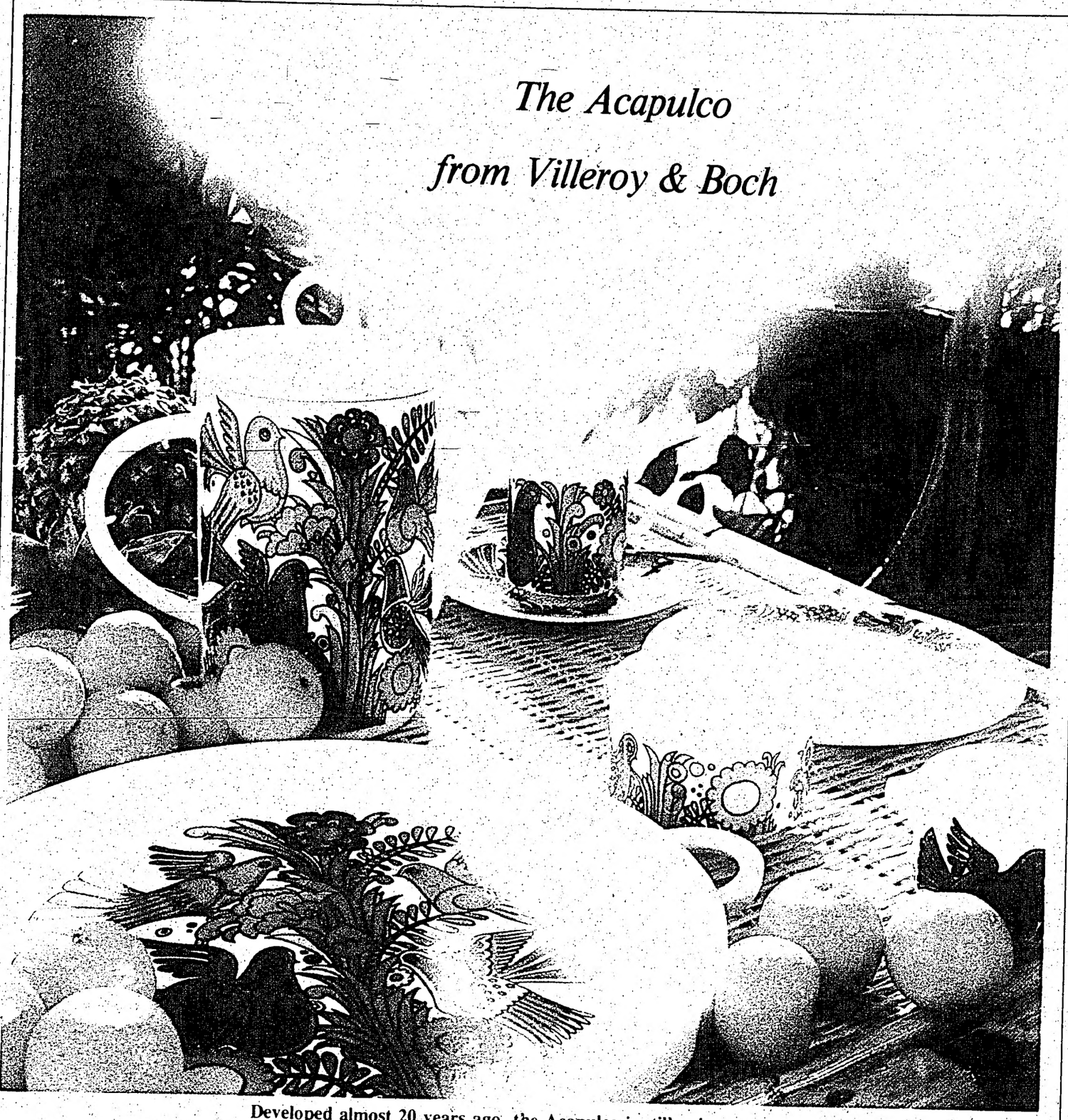
He points out one of the many display bathrooms in the store and shows how gray and light pink wallpaper accents the gray toilet and sink and pink tub.

"With gray or pink towels this bathroom is completely co-ordinated in colors that will never grow tiresome."

Pedestal basins are becoming a popular item in newly decorated bathrooms, says Bloch. "The long base may be the same color as the basin, or a contrasting color to match the rest of the room. The pedestals add an artistic touch to any bathroom."

He notes that Taps will be happy to help customers design their bathroom and assist them with regards to decorating and plumbing tips.

Taps is located at 1020 Lawrence Ave. W. and is open six days a week.



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Lighting can make a room dramatic or romantic

By
LORI SMITH

Lighting is a very important factor in creating the look of a room and in determining its use.

According to John Rudson, vice-president of Rudson Manufacturing Company Ltd., 68 Broadview Ave., a great deal can be done with lighting. It can be used to make a room dramatic, romantic or functional.

"There are two types of lighting — direct and indirect. Now a regular table lamp gives both, enough to read by and enough to light the room. But the room could be more attractive if two types of lighting were used and it could be done for the same price or just a little bit more."

He explains that you might have a floor lamp with a shade that directs the light up so it falls softly over the room.

Then you might add a reading lamp beside your chair and a light on the televison set with an opaque shade that would reflect on the wall behind the set.

"That type of lighting allows for some flexibility; for lights to be used for specific purposes."

Along with his two brothers and his father, Rudson has been in the lighting business for 20 years. He says that there are a number of trends.

"We've noticed a resurgence in color, particularly in the pastels. Right now our hottest color is dusty rose. It's been the hottest color for two years."

He says that he has found that if a lamp sells for $100 or less it will be bought in colors that a more expensive lamp will not be bought in.

"If a lamp is under a $100 I think people feel they can get rid of it when the color is no longer in style. But if it's expensive they'll buy it in more traditional colors like beige and white and brass."

Rudson says that black is a very big color now; that it's strong and getting stronger.

He explains that lamp colors are affected by furniture and upholstery trends and that black is being featured in many European and American home magazines and so a demand has been created for it.

In terms of lamp styles, Rudson says that there has been a resurgence in floor lamps.

"People are finding floor lamps very practical. They don't take up any table space, you don't have to put a hook in the ceiling, you can move it wherever you want and they give plenty of light."

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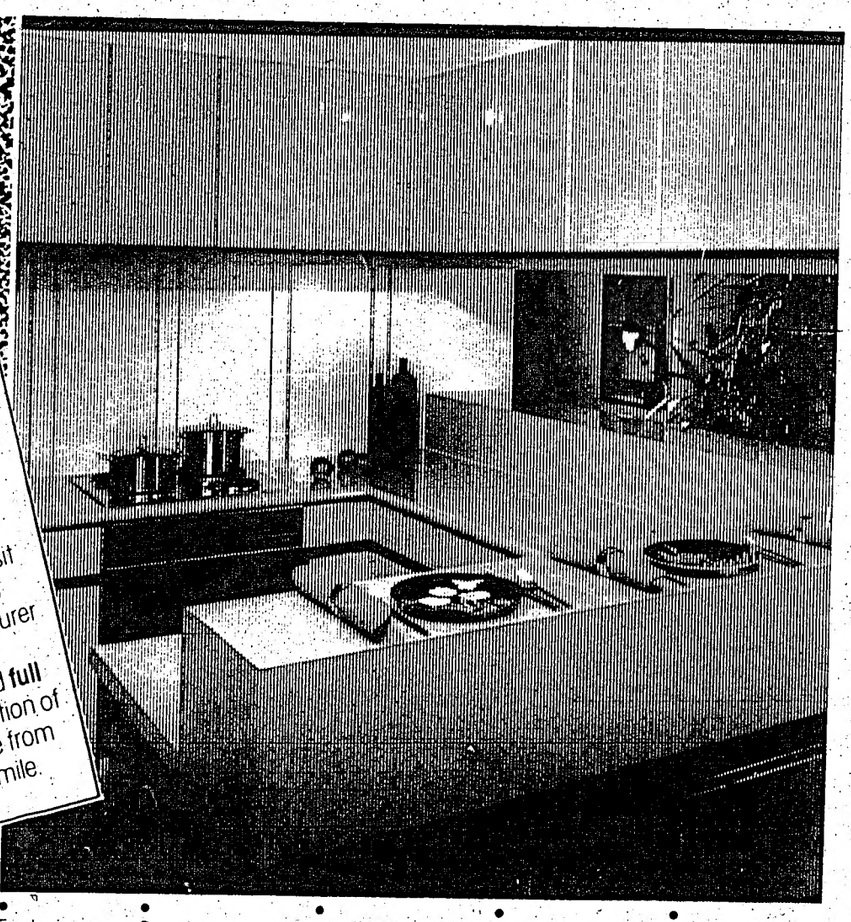

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